

Wilderness Words



Spirit of the Wilderness

Weekly News—May 6, 2010

Mentor Notes:

From Monday to Wednesday of this week I was at Clergy Conference, which is held twice a year at a Catholic retreat center near Buffalo, MN. This was the first of these retreats since Brian Prior has become bishop of Minnesota.

+Brian began Monday evening by presenting his new model for the way the church will work—with his role, as well as that of the central offices and councils, being to support and resource the work of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota—us.

On Tuesday, we were trained in ways to tell our stories to help change the world. But the highlight for most of us was on Wednesday morning when Dwight Zscheile presented his teaching on the missional church and its implications. This is something we're familiar with, from our forum on his article as well as from his presence with us a few years ago. But for many of the clergy there, this was an all new way of looking at church.

People were bowled over: by the idea that mission is not something the church does, but is at the heart of God; at the way we've outgrown Christendom, but the church has held to old ways of being; at what the implications of this message might be for the church in Minnesota.

Let's take heart that we are right on track with this new way of being church...and let's continue to listen to the Spirit as we grow in our faith and life together.

Peace, +Mary Ellen



Who are you inviting
to Welcome Sunday,
June 13th?????



Mark your calendars:

Sunday, May 9:

Brief meeting after church to train readers, leaders, chalice bearers. Intro to new system for signing up for tasks.

Monday, May 10: SOTW at food shelf.

Sunday, May 16:

Adult forum after church—we discuss New Yorker article on the worldwide Anglican Church.

Wednesday, May 19:

Social at Layne and Rolf's.

Sunday, June 13:

Welcome Sunday, including BBQ afterwards.

Sunday, June 27th: Bishop Prior at SOTW, 3-6 PM (service and potluck meeting)

Saturday, July 31st: Spirit of the Wilderness in Dragon boat race!

Oct. 29-30—we are introduced at The Diocesan Convention in Duluth!!!

Please Pray:

Healing for Alyssa, John and others in the family with Alyssa's miscarriage.

Healing for Lorraine, that she might be restored to us.

For God's leading for each of us in terms of whom we might invite to Spirit of the Wilderness.

For our new bishop, Brian, that God will sustain him with energy and vision as he meets so many people and so many demands.