

# IDAHO IDYLL\* - JANUARY 2006

*\*Idyll: A simple descriptive work in poetry or prose that deals with rustic life or pastoral scenes or suggests a mood of peace and contentment.*

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## AROUND THE DIOCESE

- Congratulations to **St. John's, American Falls**, for being the first parish to submit their 2005 Parochial Report!
- **The Rev. Brian Baker**, Rector of St. Thomas, Ketchum, has accepted the position of Dean of Trinity Cathedral in Sacramento, California. His last Sunday at St. Thomas will be March 19.
- Registrations are still being accepted (in fact, encouraged) for the upcoming conference, **"Let's Get Real: Identifying Who the Real Ministers Are in the Church"**, scheduled for **Saturday, January 21 (from 9:30am to 4:00pm)** at Ascension Church in Twin Falls. Sponsored by the Central Deanery Support Team for Leadership Development as an offering to the whole Diocese, the conference will feature The Rt. Rev. Donald Phillips, Bishop of Rupert's Land (Canada) as keynote speaker and will include workshops on such thought-provoking topics as "Will the real ministers please stand up"; "My ministry - Name it and claim it"; "Keeping the Message Consistent: Challenging old assumptions"; and "Recognizing the congregation as a community of ministers." Registrations, along with the \$10 conference fee, should be sent to Janet King, 678 East 400 North, Rupert, ID 83350. **(Registration deadline was January 13 so please contact Janet at [robking@pmt.org](mailto:robking@pmt.org) or 436-5842 if you plan to attend.)**
- **Father Elias Chacour** (Palestinian by birth and an Eastern Orthodox priest - and author of "Blood Brothers") will be speaking at two locations in the Diocese this month: **January 25 at 7:00pm at St. Michael's, Boise**; and **January 26 at 7:00pm at St. Thomas, Ketchum**. There will be a question and answer period following each presentation. There is no admission charge for this fascinating lecture but donations will be accepted for Father Chacour's school. This event is being co-sponsored by St. Thomas, Ketchum, and St. Stephen's, Boise, and promises to be a memorable event.
- Ascension Monastery in Jerome will host an **11<sup>th</sup> Step Retreat** on February 3-5. This retreat is for 12-Step members and introduces the experience of Centering Prayer as a part of a daily 12-Step practice. Fee is \$150 and includes meals.
- **Worship Leader Retreats** have been scheduled for February 18 at St. Luke's, Idaho Falls, and February 25 at St. Mary's, Emmett. (Both days will begin at 10:00am and conclude no later than 2:00pm.) This event is for all worship leaders and anyone else who is interested in this ministry. Time will spent on the nature of worship, review of ideas and materials presented at Convention, and exploration of ways that this group of ministers might better support one another and this important ministry. Anyone who plans to attend is asked to contact the Diocesan Office (208/345-4440) so there can be an accurate lunch count.
- On Monday, February 20 at 7:00pm, **St. Michael's Cathedral** will be hosting the International Ensemble Amarcord (composed of 5 alumni of Leipzig's St. Thomas Boys Choir). Any and all music aficionados are welcome to attend this offering of the Cathedral's music ministry.

Shortly after the Iraqi War began, we posted on the Diocesan website the names of Idaho men and women who were serving our country in Iraq, Afghanistan or any other area of conflict. Just today, one of those names was removed – his service of duty was over and he was back home safe and sound, thanks be to God. Please review the list of service men and women (at [www.idahodiocese.org](http://www.idahodiocese.org)) and let us know if there are additional names that should be added (or can be removed) so that we may keep this list as current as possible.

## EPISCOPAL RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT NEWS

- **Update on Earthquakes in Pakistan and Kashmir:** \$5 million committed (continued support encouraged). ERD continues to work directly with dioceses in affected areas. Through the Diocese of Peshawar in Pakistan, ERD has funded mobile relief and basic health units which have traveled to at least 36 villages. They are also training local people to be health care workers. Through the Diocese of Sialkot in Kashmir, ERD has provided for medical care to thousands through existing medical facilities and in addition is providing supplies for erecting better than temporary housing for refugees.
- **Exciting News:** ERD is creating the Office of Disaster Planning which will oversee long-term recovery efforts in places like south-east Asia, the Gulf States and Pakistan. It will employ the successful community development model similar to that used in Honduras and will focus on developing partnerships with governmental and non-governmental organizations. (Previously, in Louisiana ERD exhibited the skills needed to be credentialed by FEMA to facilitate relief efforts following Katrina.)
- Churches should soon be receiving ERD's Lenten study materials entitled, "Seeking God's Perspective." Please assess your plans and consider this as your focus for Lent. Order as soon as possible please.
- You can find information about other ERD activities as well as its fair trade coffee, Bishop's Blend, on its website ([www.er-d.org](http://www.er-d.org)).

Say Idaho ERD Coordinators, Pam Tucker & Kit Bainbridge, "Thanks for your faithful support as ERD continues the church's ministry of the whole church to the whole world."

### UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Jan 19</b>	Central Deanery Clergy, Christ Church, Shoshone (2-5pm)
<b>Jan 21</b>	"Ministry of the Baptized" Conference, Ascension, Twin Falls
<b>Jan 25</b>	Presentation by Fr. Elias Chacour, St. Michael's Cathedral, Boise
<b>Jan 26</b>	Presentation by Fr. Elias Chacour, St. Thomas, Ketchum
<b>Jan 28</b>	Eastern Deanery Clergy, St. Luke's, Idaho Falls (11am-3pm)
<b>Feb 3-5</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> Step Retreat, Ascension Monastery, Jerome
<b>Feb 16</b>	Central Deanery Clergy, Christ Church, Shoshone (2-5pm)
<b>Feb 18</b>	Worship Leaders' Retreat, St. Luke's, Idaho Falls
<b>Feb 20</b>	President's Day – Diocesan Office Closed
<b>Feb 25</b>	Worship Leaders' Retreat, St. Mary's, Emmett