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- 1903 Religious Education Association (REA) is formed in response to concern that the religious education community was neglecting the scientific study of education (John Dewey, etc.)
- 1912 Jim Thorpe, or “Sac and Saux from Oklahoma, wins gold medals in pentathlon and decathlon in the Stockholm Olympics.
- 1917 The Asia Barred Zone Act of 1917 denies entry to the US to peoples from South and Southeast Asia and the Indian and Pacific Islands, except for the US possessions of the Philippines and Guam
- 1918 The Church Hymnal Corporation is established by the Trustees of the Church Pension Fund
- 1918 First Canterbury Clubs and a National Student Council (a link between the Presiding Bishop & National Council with students and college workers) established
- 1919 General Convention establishes The National Council (later to become Executive Council) to oversee the work of the church between General Conventions
- 1920 Commission on College and University Work created by the Department of Religious Education (like today’s chaplains & Canterbury Clubs); work with women students became a campus ministry priority, funded by the Women’s Auxiliary leading to an appointment of a Secretary for Women Students
- 1922 Christian Education Mission and Schools funded (Windam House, St. Margaret’s House, St. Faiths)
- 1924 Canterbury Clubs network has grown to 73 units and students are more involved in diocesan conventions
The College of Preachers is founded at Washington National Cathedral for providing post-ordination training for clergy
Immigration Act of 1924 forbids all Asians from immigrating to the United States
- 1925 The National Student Council’s triennial meeting has 80 student representatives from 43 campuses
- 1926 Bennett College in Greensboro, North Carolina becomes the first college for African American women; founded as a coeducational school in 1873 by the Methodist Church
- 1927 Supervisor for College Work appointed with increased placement of men and women on strategic college campuses (men paid from the General Convention budget via the Department of Religious Education; women from the UTO)
- 1928 Church Army is established in the USA “based in the Episcopal Church for the training and commissioning of evangelists and sending them to places the church had not ventured.”
- 1929 Founding conference of the Student Christian Movement
- 1930 Episcopal Indian Work begins decline (through 1958)
- 1933 Seabury-Western Theological Seminary created (merger of Seabury Divinity School, Faribault, MN, 1858 and Western Theological Seminary, Chicago, 1883)
Division for College Work formed within the Department of Religious Education (college work being regarded as “missionary work”);
Conference held for clergy doing college work attended by 55 college pastors from 30 states
- 1934 Forward Movement begins as an appointed committee of General Convention to develop a strategy to erase the national church’s deficit following the Great Depression
- 1935 Church Society for College Work (CSCW) established – an independent network of people who advocated for and helped fund campus ministries (later became Church Society for Colleges)
- 1938 Division of College Work and Youth is created, independent from the Department of Religious Education
- 1940s Women are recruited for professional church work on an equal scale as recruiting young men for ordained ministry, with training and support serious and academic
Canterbury Clubs have 175 units with 65,000 Episcopal students

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1941 The Empire of Japan attacks Pearl Harbor in the US Territory of Hawaii

1942 Executive Order 9066, issued by President Franklyn Roosevelt, incarcerates 120,000 Japanese Americans and Japanese nationals living in the West Coast and Arizona, without charge or due process of law; they were released late in 1945.

1945 Episcopal Radio and TV Foundation is founded (now known as The Episcopal Media Center)

1946

Primary emphasis is put on preparing a curriculum of age-graded courses for children and youth, setting forth what a Christian ought to know, leading to publication of The Seabury Series

General Convention sees first woman deputy – Mrs. Randolph Dyer (Missouri) – Justice Owen Roberts became first lay chair

Presiding Bishop Sherrill is appointed to the Presidential Commission on Civil Rights by President Harry Truman

1947

The Church's Teaching Series is published for the first time as an effort to define Christian Education in the Episcopal Church

1948

National Christian Education Department established; staffed with 4 professionals with a budget of \$60,000

European Heritage Schools for laity

First Assembly World Council of Churches in Amsterdam

1949

College of Preachers founded

Conference on the Religious Life first held

Department of Christian Education is established by General Convention

Division of College work raised a large endowment to support college clergy salaries, subsidize conferences, underwrite publications, recruit young men for ordained ministry, advocate for campus ministries across the church and press for continued development of Canterbury Clubs

1949-1957 – Church's Teaching Series is published (6 volumes) for adults (Bible, Church history, doctrine, worship, work of the Church)

1950s

Emphasis on women's leadership is fading (especially in campus ministries)

Accreditation mandated for Episcopal Seminaries through Association of Theological Schools (ATS)

1950

Prayer Book Studies One

1951

National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA (NCC) is formed, succeeding the Federal Council of Churches (1908)

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1952

General Convention authorizes prayer book revision

Men are ordained as “perpetual” deacons to serve. Most were older men, locally trained as sacramental and pastoral assistants

General Convention condemns racism

National Association of Self-Supporting Active Ministry established (NASSAM) – bi-vocational priesthood with no stipend

The McCarran-Walter Act repeals the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1862, allowing Asians to migrate to the US

1953

Virginia Seminary merged with The Bishop Payne Divinity School, a distinguished black institution started by Virginia Seminary in 1836.

Central House for Deaconesses for the training of women in Chicago founded (early roots of NAAD) – deaconesses were women set apart by prayer and the laying on of a bishop's hands, for care of the poor, sick, and needy.

1954

Whitaker School of Theology formed in the Diocese of Michigan to provide educational opportunities for “perpetual inquirers”

World Council of Churches begins a study of the laity in the church

Fund for Theological Education (FTE) established

The Rev. Vine Deloria, Sr. became first American Indian on national staff

Brown vs. Board of Education of Topeka, a landmark case that demolishes legal basis for racial segregation in the US

1955

Seabury Series is published for children in nursery through high school (through 1969)

Brown vs. Board of Education – desegregation

General Convention is moved from Houston to Honolulu in order to avoid discrimination

1958

The Episcopal Theological School at Claremont (Bloy House) is founded as the Southern California extension of CDSP

The Episcopal Seminary of the Caribbean is established through an act of General Convention

Hendrik Kraemer publishes *A Theology of the Laity*

The Episcopal Society for Cultural and Racial Unity began

General Convention orders a special study of Indian work policy

1960

Annual meeting of The National Commission on College Work approves allocation of grants for 21 new FT chaplaincies, continues a study of college chaplains and professional women workers and begins a study of Episcopal participation in ecumenical bodies

Trainer / Enabler Program begins in Alaska – bush clergy and laity begin struggling with the concepts of self-support and indigenous ministry
“Reading for Orders”

Bishop James Pike regularizes studies for those persons wishing to be ordained deacons in the Diocese of California

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1962 Vatican II – laity are an important theme

Pusey Report

1961

Bringing Up Children in the Christian Faith published by John Westerhoff

Works of Roland Allen republished

The principle of “trial use” was adopted for prayer book revisions

Episcopal Seminary of the Caribbean begins as an institution dedicated to the formation of clergy from different dioceses in the Caribbean (Puerto Rico, Antigua, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Panama, Trinidad and Virgin Islands). Its first dean was Dr. Eugene E. Crommet.

United Church Board for World Ministries established as a result of a merger of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, founded in 1812, and other missionary agencies

1962

Episcopal Theological School at Claremont is established as a diocesan training school for the Diocese of Los Angeles

The Associated Parishes publish *A Parish Program for Liturgy and Mission* setting a standard for liturgy, organization, catechesis, social action, lay apostolate, liturgical arts and architecture, pastoralia, church extension and ecumenism.

1963

Public school-sponsored prayer and devotional Bible reading declared unconstitutional

The Anglican Congress affirms a principle – Mutual Responsibility and Interdependence in the Body of Christ (MRI); 350 dioceses of the Anglican Communion were to develop a renewed relationship

A Time to Act is written by Presiding Bishop Lichtenberger, recognizing that the church must get beyond words in regard to civil rights and discrimination

I have a Dream speech by Martin Luther King, Jr, delivered during March in Washington on Jobs and Freedom on the steps of Lincoln Memorial, Washington, DC

1964

Appalachian Peoples Service Organization (APSO) centered in Blacksburg, Virginia to confront all aspects of poverty in the 14 state region (now Episcopal Appalachian Ministries in Berea, KY)

Founding of *National Association of Episcopal Schools* (NAES) to create a wide community of schools that were broadly inclusive in the best tradition of historic Anglicanism’s approach to education and spiritual formation

1965 – 61st General Convention – John Hines elected PB (Baby Boom at peak)

Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) has become normative (emphasis on pastoral ministry in seminaries)

Jonathan Daniels, Episcopal seminarian, killed in Alabama

Los Angeles race riots

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H. Boone Porter “discovers” the writings of Roland Allen and the centrality of baptism to ministry

National Advisory Committee on Indian Work appointed

George T. Masuda, consecrated the first Asian American Bishop; Bishop of North Dakota, 1865-1979

1966

Women have been admitted to six of the eleven accredited Episcopal seminaries, mostly studying in the field of Christian education

St. Margaret’s House (theological school for women) closes

3.64 million baptized members

The Anglican Roman Catholic International Consultation (ARCIC) is introduced via A Common Declaration by Canterbury and Rome

Episcopal Peace Fellowship (EPF) is restructured from the Episcopal Pacifist Fellowship formed in 1939 (Armistice Day)

1967 – 62nd General Convention

- \$9 million fund (General Convention Special Program – GCSP) to deal with social inequities that were not being addressed within the existing church channels –1969 special General Convention - discontinued in 1973
- Canons were changed to permit elected women to be seated with voice and vote in the House of Deputies
- Authorized a limited number of lay people to assist with the chalice at the distribution of communion
- *Theological Freedom and Social Responsibility* report affirms the interdependence of freedom and order, liberty and responsibility, the basic test of orthodoxy was not so much a matter of doctrine as regular participation in the Eucharistic assembly (response to “death of God,” and James A. Pike’s *A Time for Christian Candor* which was published in 1964)

Ministry for Tomorrow report published (aka Pusey Report) Theological education is characteristically urban, ecumenical and university- related
Prayer Book Studies

Seabury Curriculum ceases publication

Council for Seminary deans founded

Complete reorganization of National Church structure, resulting in a steady decline of Christian education vocations and DREs throughout the church (for women)

Associated Parishes – liturgical renovation (Robert Brooks, MN) – Living the Covenant

George Harris – local ministry in Alaska & the Dakotas

Windham House (theological school for women) closes

Trinity Institute founded as a continuing education program / outreach of Trinity Church Walls Street to equip clergy and layperson for imaginative and catalytic leadership <http://www.trinitywallstreet.org/institute/>

Monies which funded college workers and provincial secretaries is shifted to direct grants to community organizations to address the causes of racism, economic disparity and social upheaval

Thurgood Marshall becomes the first black Associate Justice of the US Supreme Court

1968

Death of Martin Luther King, Jr. assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee

ECUSA Christian Ed budget \$600,000 with staff of over 35

Lambeth recommends restoration of vocational diaconate throughout Anglican Communion

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Anglican Consultative Council formed

The Union of Black Clergy and Laity (ESCL) founded in New York City to remove racism from the Church and society and to stimulate the growth of black membership. (later renamed *Union of Black Episcopalians* – UBE)

Bexley Hall Divinity School relocates to Rochester, NY as part of the Colgate-Rochester/Crozier/Bexley Hall consortium of theological schools

Episcopal tentmakers (bi-vocational, worker-priest) formed *The National Association for the Self-Supporting Active Ministry* (NASSAM) in the late 1960's, a collegial support and information network with CHRISM (United Kingdom) & APT (Presbyterian)

<http://www.nassam.org/>

Seven native Alaskan men (and their families) begin studies at Cook Christian Training School in Tempe, Arizona with the goal of future ordination (part of Trainer / Enabler Program)

Episcopal Society for Ministry in Higher Education (ESMHE) founded – network for campus ministry and chaplains doing the ministry on tasks of advocacy, training, support and fellowship (CSCW moving toward supporting ecumenical work) due to lack of funding and elimination of structures through the ECUSA budget (campus ministry was no longer seen as a mission of the church / vehicle for evangelism)

1969

Women allowed in parish leadership (vestries, lay readers, deputies)

Women with years of experience as directors of Christian education are seen as being replaced by younger, ordained men, with little formal training in this area of parish ministry

The *Association of Professors and Researchers in Religious Education* (APRRE) is established

James Foreman, issuing *The Black Manifesto*, demands \$60 million of the Episcopal Church to fund a Black Economic Development Conference - special convention was held to grant \$200,000 not as reparation but to help eradicate injustice

Jean Piaget's *The Psychology of the Child* is published in English

National Committee on Indian Work established

1970 – 63rd General Convention

- Clergy Deployment Office established
- Diocesan Commissions on Ministries established (BACOM) – BTE until 1997
- Created *General Board of Examining Chaplains* to standardize the process of canonical examination for ordination
- Ordination of both men & women to diaconate
- Women deputies to General Convention
- Local Priests canon – indigenous & emergent leadership

Cuban Episcopalians who fled to the US in the 1960's were providing leadership for the creation of Hispanic congregations in the US and Central America

Some Episcopalians use ECUSA's reorientation of mission strategy as a rationale for decreased giving to mission as the national church was also facing budgetary problems

Trinity Institute of New York begins

1st Episcopal Cursillo weekend is held in the Diocese of Iowa

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Joint Educational Development (JED) begins (home-grown curriculum sharing through the national church - one person is now employed by the Episcopal Church for Christian education – David Perry)

Association of Professors and Researchers in Religious Education (APRRE) is organized by the National Council of Churches

John Melville Burgess elected Bishop of Massachusetts, first African American diocesan bishop (until 1975)

“Green Book” trial liturgies

Beginning trend of 2nd or 3rd vocations for those entering seminaries and laity entering seminaries without intention of being ordained (major pedagogy shift that impacts future of seminary enrollment)

1971

Berkeley Divinity School becomes affiliated with Yale Divinity School in New Haven, CT

Lay School of Theology established at VTS for theological education for lay people of all denominations

Men and women are ordained as deacons with a liturgical base in a parish and social care outside the church

The Greening of the Church written by Findley Edge – the educational task of the church committed to lay ministry could be expressed in terms of a “miniature seminary”

Diocese of Hong Kong irregularly ordains 2 women – they had been requesting permission from the Lambeth Conference since 1948 to do so

Coalition 14 (C14) is founded with 14 Western missionary (aided) dioceses from a block grant for local distribution; planned cooperative program in matters of mutual concern such as Indian work and local ministry development

DAKOTA (George Harris) training leaders to provide ministry / David Cochran does the same in Alaska; “6-PAC” 6 Pacific Northwest dioceses (Idaho, Olympia, Oregon, Alaska, Eastern Oregon) gather with Jean Haldane and Jack Hilyard for explorations of ministry for support of Christian education

1972

Zebra Book trial liturgies

Paulo Freire’s *Pedagogy of the Oppressed* is published

1st General Ordination Exam is administered

Synod of Canaan – formation of regional clusters of parishes

Diocese of Vermont adopts a design based on the common Anglican ecclesial paradigm – worship-doctrine-discipline – “Northeast Kingdom” ministry

Congregation as Sacramental Community emerges in Tulsa, Oklahoma

SWEEPS – national church model (as promotion vs. theological)

Joint Commission on the Church in Non-Metropolitan Areas recognized a crisis in the habitually overlooked small church

Harold S. Jones (Santee Sioux) first American Indian Suffragan Bishop consecrated, South Dakota

1973 – 64th General Convention: Chicago – PB John Hines / more conservative John Allin elected PB

- Asiamerica Ministry Office established – 16 Asian and Pacific parishes and mission in existence
- Gathering in Roanridge, MO: *Leadership Academy for New Directions (LAND)* is created to train church leaders (ie: archdeacons & lay leadership) and to promote effective ministry in small churches; a foundation is set up for *Center for Training for Small Church Ministry*; (Richard Tombaugh); development of 5 principles for a model for Regional Ministry

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- Marriage Canons reformed

Youth Ministry Unit is added to APSO focusing on repair and improvement of poor people's homes

Border Ministry (a group of 9-10 persons from a cluster in Vermont, Quebec and New Hampshire) come together for prayer and study

New Directions Ministry established – small church issues, on-site middle management – seeking systematic change for the field of education to be in the field of practice in diocesan structure and in canon revision (Charles Winters, Ben Helmer, H. Boone Porter, Richard Tombaugh, Bob Willing, David Brown)

Church Society for College Work (CSCW) ends – Lilly Endowment offers \$3M for 10 years to take the work of CSCW to an ecumenical level –

National Institute for Campus Ministry (NICM) is developed

Roe vs. Wade

1974

Zebra Book 2 trial liturgies

National Center for the Diaconate formed

Regional Religious Education Coordinators (RRECs) organize to support local Christian education with the national Education staff person through 1980's

Development of *AWARE* notebook for local Christian education

Divinity School of the Protestant Episcopal Church (Philadelphia) & Episcopal Theological School (ETS) merge to form *Episcopal Divinity School* (EDS) in Cambridge

Philadelphia 11 – Women's ordination to the Priesthood

Diocesan schools begin to be established to support people who are not going to seminary (ie: *Preachers in Training* – PIT – in Nevada) Jean Haldane develops a gifts identification inventory for vocational training which is woven into California's diocesan school for ministry in daily life

Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest begins "Hispanic Center" to help clergy prepare for ministry

Episcopal Church Missionary Community formed

Integrity formed – a grassroots organization of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Episcopalians and friends

Episcopal Renewal Ministries / Episcopal Charismatic Fellowship – First National Conference on Renewal held in Atlanta

Alban Institute is founded (Loren Mead) an ecumenical, interfaith organization supporting congregations through book publishing, educational seminars, consulting services and research

National Renewal Conference I of the Cursillo movement

National Institute for Lay Training begins in New York with students being placed as interns and lay workers in various field sites of new lay ministry development

Church in Alaska is composed of 40 mission stations and 6 parishes – diocese commits to the use of sacramental priests and the training of many other ministers in the congregation to carry out on a voluntary basis the total function of ministry

A workshop for bishops and other diocesan executives occurs in Roanridge near Kansas City to explore the principles of small church and local ministry, finding ways to realize the vision of *New Directions in Ministry* (NDM). Persons were chosen as experienced in such settings were trained and made available as national consultants (following the ministry of Roland Allen, Judson Stuck, H. Boone Porter and George Harris)

Alaska's diocesan media center begins as an important component to NETWORK and is used by many denominations

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Sindicators' annual gathering begins as an opportunity for “show and tell” regarding “What does it mean to be . . . in terms of living in a Total Common Ministry setting?” and local ordination / Canon 8 (Wes Friendsdorff, Alaska, David Keller, Borgeson, Chuck Wilson, Nevada) – Peter Senge is speaker

1975

Trinity School for Ministry (Ambridge, PA) founded – born of the renewal movement of the 60s and 70s; to be evangelical and Anglican Prayer Book Studies 29

Disciples of Christ in Community (DOCC) originates at Trinity Episcopal Church, New Orleans
\$463,000 (23¢ per communicant) is offered through Theological Education Sunday to seminaries
1st National Episcopal Cursillo Seminar held in the Diocese of Dallas

LAND (Leadership Academy of New Directions Ministry) holds its first session, designed to aid “middle management” people in their work with small churches; regional organizations begin to be developed (such as New Directions Northeast – NDNE)

NETWORK is formed out of the Trainer / Enabler Program from Alaska and reports to the Standing Committee instead of the Commission on Ministry

Church Army becomes *National Institute for Lay Training* at GTS (briefly) (Tom Tull & Pat Page)

“The Fall of Saigon” on 30 April 1975, when the People’s Army of Vietnam captures the capital of South Vietnam and the end of US military involvement in the civil war in Indochina

1976 – 65th General Convention: - PB Allin

- D005 – Approves the Board for Theological Education and the Program Committee on Lay Ministries of the Executive Council be authorized to create a Study Committee on Total Ministry with special attention to the ministry of the laity
- A074 *Changing Patterns of the Church's Ministry in the 70s*, the Report of the Episcopal Study Committee on Preparation for the Ordained Ministry, is accepted with its recommendations implemented and progress reported fully to the next General Convention
- A084 in accordance with a recommendation of the Episcopal Study Committee on Preparation for the Ordained Ministry, which recommendation was endorsed by the Executive Council, the General Convention commend to the Church a plan for the substantial, broad-based financial support of theological education by: (1) Requesting the Presiding Bishop continue to designate one Sunday per year as Theological Education Sunday, to be observed at that time or some other appropriate day by all parishes and missions. (2) Urging each parish and mission to set a specific, significant goal for annual financial support of theological education, and commending as a figure for such a goal 1 1/2 percent of Net Disposable Budget Income. (3) Vigorously promoting the program through the mutual efforts of the Presiding Bishop, the President of the House of Deputies, the Board for Theological Education, and the deans of the seminaries, with the assistance of the Development Officer of the Executive Council. (4) Urging all parishes and missions to collect their funds by budgeted items, special offerings and individual gifts, and to decide the allocation of these offerings to one or more seminaries and/or diocesan programs of preparation for ordination.
- A121 *Venture in Mission* program begun for next triennial (to recapture the spirit and financial means for domestic & foreign mission)
- C022 urges dioceses to formalize relationships with Church-related Schools
- D046 directs implementation of the *New Church's Teaching Series* for adults
- Authorizes the areas in the Dioceses of Arizona and Utah of the Navajo Indian Nation to be organized as an area mission.
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- Altered canons to allow ordination of women to the priesthood and episcopate

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- Canon adopted regarding Religious Orders
 - Supported homosexual persons as “children of God”
 - A108 *The Proposed Book of Common Prayer* is authorized for publication (leading up to 1979 Book of Common Prayer)
- Will Our Children Have Faith?* published by John Westerhoff (socialization as a model for Christian education – church as a faith community)
- Education for Ministry* (EfM) begun at Sewanee
- Living the Good News* written as a grass-roots lectionary curriculum (Diocese of Colorado)

The Krumm Report released:

- 1/3 of the Church’s seminarians now studying at diocesan schools rather than in one of the ten accredited Episcopal Seminaries
- Proportion of clergy in non-stipendiary work (“tent-maker’s ministry”) has sharply increases since Pusey Report
- 30 Diocesan training centers in existence
- Talents identified as being needed for seminary training were preaching, pastoral counseling and the ability to develop and lead educational programs
- Women’s enrollment in seminary is 17%
- Recommendations – each parish set aside 3% of its annual budget to contribute to seminaries of their choice; seminaries need to provide “spiritual formation” as well as academic and professional training; lay ministry & non-stipendary ministry must be given more meaning and affirmation; further recruitment of black seminarians; appointment of women to seminary faculties should be a high priority

Steven Tsosie Plummer ordained first Navajo priest

The Diocesan School for Ministries established in the Diocese of California

US branches of the *South American Missionary Society* (SAMS) are organized

The Episcopal Seminary of the Caribbean is closed because of its economic situation. Executive Council establishes The Fund of Theological Education for Latin America and the Caribbean with the money obtain from selling the property. With the interest earned from that money, the Commission on Theological Education for Latin America and the Caribbean supports local diocesan programs for the dioceses that used the Episcopal Seminary of the Caribbean.

Center for Christian Spirituality (for preparing lay people and clergy for leadership in ministries of spiritual formation) and *Center for Jewish-Christian Studies and Relations* (CJCSR) are established at GTS

Hosting a meeting in Reno, Nevada, Bishop Wesley Frensdorff begins an annual gathering of persons interested in various aspects of total common ministry development and local ordained ministry, group comes to be known as *Sindicators*

<http://www.junemaffin.com/totalmin/sindicat.htm>

Edward Schillebeeckx gives a lecture on the ministry of the laity

1977

Diocese of Maryland writes it’s own lectionary-based curriculum (MACE)

NETWORK’S Church School Teacher Training Project begins in Alaska (by 1979, 47 workshops are held in five villages)

1978

Lambeth “okay” women as priests (but not as bishops)

Seminaries’ *Consultation on Mission* is formed

Task Force on Total Common Ministry is developed from a report written by *Sindicators*

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Anglican Catholic Church is founded, one of a number of small new denominations

LAND moves from Roanridge to the DuBose Conference Center in Monteagle, TN

David Brown notes, “The Sunday church school in small parishes is always a problem, especially when a public school model is attempted.” Using a lectionary curriculum allows everyone to study the readings of the day and come together for the central action

ATS Commission on Under-represented Constituencies (race)

1979 – 66th General Convention:

- D015 - recognize and commend the Lay Ministries Office and the several diocesan and Church-affiliated training centers for their valuable function in strengthening the ministry of the Laity of the church.
- Commends New Church’s Teaching Series (Seabury Press) as a major tool for Christian education
- D129 - Affirms the “core curriculum” for Christian education as “the Gospel affirming our Risen Lord and His love for all people”
- A081 affirms the congregation as the primary locus for ministry, the center which determines what ministry is and the normal base for the nourishment and training of Ministers
- A106 regarding policy on Theological Education and Accredited Seminaries – includes asking the Board for Theological Education to bring together various agencies concerned with theological education of the Church at all levels to develop strategies for greater coordination and planning
- A107 affirms the contribution of Diocesan Theological Schools and other training programs to the theological training of men and women for the exercise of Ministry in this Church
- A108 requests congregations to support Episcopal seminaries (reaffirming 1976 resolution)
- B079 requests the Executive Council of the Church, the Board for Theological Education, the Standing Liturgical Commission, and the Standing Commission on Church Music to continue to develop resources and recommend curricula which will assist the Church in understanding and planning for our engagement of the issues of world hunger, human rights and racial oppression.
- B088 thanks the University of the South and encourages and supports the use of Theological Education by Extension in all dioceses
- B098 promotes the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of the Child
- B127 approves in principle a form of financial support for seminaries in response to the inadequate results of voluntary giving
- B145 asks each diocese to identify and evaluate needs, requirements and opportunities for Hispanic ministry, including programs, education, ordination and resource development
- D107 Charges all dioceses to develop educational programs in sexuality to enhance a mature understanding of sexuality and our Christian responsibility as faith stewards
- Affirms local ministry development
- The Diocese of Rio Grande cedes all Navajoland Reservation to the new (1976) jurisdiction, which becomes Navajo Area Mission (Arizona, New Mexico, Utah)
- Affirms the traditional teaching of the church on “marriage, marital fidelity and sexual chastity”

79 Book of Common Prayer – centrality of baptismal covenant / centrality of Eucharist – much of this theology was driven by H. Boone Porte and work of the Associated Parishes

National Study on Diaconate (through 1985)

Shalem Institute established in Washington, DC (Spiritual direction training)

Cathedral of St. John the Divine resumes construction after a 10-year building freeze

The National Cursillo Committee is formed in Atlanta

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Charles Lawrence was elected President of the House of Deputies

College of Preachers celebrates 50th anniversary

Eloise Martinez (Navajo) first Indian woman ordained priest, Navajoland

1980

Noted that geographical distribution of Episcopalians is changing (down in East & Midwest; up in South & West)

Washington National Cathedral resumes construction after a building freeze (completed in 1990)

3.04 million baptized members in ECUSA

2nd set of *Church's Teaching Series* published (7 volumes) (1979-C029)

Christian Religious Education: Sharing our Story and Vision published by Thomas Groome (shared praxis)

The Religious Potential of the Child by Sophia Cavaletti published in English

Ministry Development Journal is a resources of articles for Total Common Ministry practitioners

Episcopal Urban Caucus founded following work of a joint steering committee of Urban Bishops Coalition and the Church and City

Conference (began in 1978). Its charge was for bishops, clergy and laity to express the Church's concern for the plight of the cities and their residents and for a commitment from concerned Episcopalians dedicated to leading a revitalization of the planners' goal for the Caucus - "Vitalization of Episcopal churches in the cities through involvement, reflection, advocacy and action on issues of justice, equality and peace in our cities, nation and the world."

The Diocesan School for Ministries established in the Diocese of California becomes *The School for Deacons* for the sole purpose of diaconal formation

William C. Wantland (Seminole) first American Indian Diocesan Bishop consecrated, Eau Claire

1981

Stages of Faith written by James Fowler

1982 – 67th General Convention: New Orleans – PB John Allin

- A109 – urge every Diocese to consider a strategy of Ministry for work in small churches which promotes the Prayer Book understanding of the total Ministry of Lay and Ordained persons, both stipendiary and non-stipendiary, in order to enable a quality of life and service not necessarily dependent upon numbers or income.
- A155 - calls upon all congregations throughout the Church to evaluate their life for total mission and ministry, endeavoring to increase their effectiveness through service, worship, evangelism, education, and pastoral care during the triennium
- A037 Interim Eucharist sharing with Lutheran churches
- A125 Theological Education Sunday established (4th Sunday in January) 1% giving
- D002 revises Canon III to include emerging ministries among lay persons professionally employed in the church (administration, chaplaincies, education, liturgy, ministry development, spiritual direction, youth)
- D003 amends Canon III for each Diocese to make provision for the development, training, utilization, and affirmation of Lay Ministries (identification of gifts, skills training, theological education and spiritual formation. Each Diocese shall assign responsibility for the implementation of this Canon to the Commission on Ministry or to such other committee or other agency as it shall deem fitting.
- D035 establishes a Hispanic Theological Scholarship to support the increase in Hispanic postulants

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- D064 Affirms support of programs for lay ministry in the secular world and supports programs such as identification of gifts for ministry; Skills training for ministry; Theological education for laity; and Spiritual formation and mutual spiritual support for ministry.
- A108 Urges each Seminary to identify an interested faculty member to be a resource person in small church life and ministry; and urge appropriate diocesan and regional groups to explore the use of Seminaries as resources for small congregations.
- D097 Requests each of the Church's seminaries to develop training for small church ministries
- Episcopal World Mission is formed
- “Next Step in Mission” to focus on 5 areas of mission – SWEEP: service, worship, evangelism, education and pastoral care
- Accept tithing as the norm for Christian giving

Percentage of Episcopalians raised outside the denomination has gone from 48% to 58% (1978-1981)

1st *Episcopal Youth Event* (EYE) in Urbana Champaign, IL with 500 participants

Hymnal 1982 published

International Anglican-Roman Catholic Dialogue – agreed statements on the Eucharist, the priesthood and the authority of the church for study

D. Campbell Wyckoff calls for a renewal of ministry for youth

The Authority of the Laity written by Verna Dozier

Episcopal Urban Caucus adopts a “Rule of Life” based on the baptismal covenant.

Centro de Estudios Teológicos established in the Dominican Republic

1983

Religious Education published by Thomas Groome

Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge (SPCK/USA) is established at the School of Theology of the University of the South in Sewanee, TN as a missionary society and servant of the Episcopal Church

Frames of Mind published by Howard Gardner

Roland Allen Pacific Rim Conference

Sizing Up a Congregation for New Member Ministry published by Arlin Rothauge, discusses the structure, characteristics, relationships, and needs of four congregational sizes: family (up to 50 active members); pastoral (50-150); program (150-350); and corporation (350-500).

Church School Teacher Training Project ends for NETWORK

Associates of Religion and Intellectual Life (ARIL) is formed from remnants of CSCW Board with the failure of NICM

Anna Frank (Athabascan) second Indian woman ordained priest, Alaska

1984

Since 1979, 200 new congregations have been founded

Center for Ministry of Teaching established at VTS

The Diocesan Theological Program in the Diocese of Honduras begins with F. Pascual P. Torres as director, a graduate of Seminario Teologico Episcopal de el Serroeste de Austin, Texas.

70% of all day care centers in the United States are located in churches

1985 – 68th General Convention – PB John Allin (Edmund Browning elected PB)

- A136 –calls for a position of Staff Officer for Small Churches

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- B004 – canon for Lay Eucharistic Ministers
- A066 – calls TEC to renew and strengthen its educational ministry by advocating a clear focus on mission at every level of its life, faithful to the standard of the biblical word and the baptismal covenant, including processes of discernment, challenge, leadership, resource development and action
- A086 - That the seminaries and schools of theology related to this Church be urged to provide continuing education in gerontology, including ethical decision making about the dying process, and other special pastoral needs of the elderly; That all dioceses, parishes and missions be urged to accept responsibility for the development of opportunities for an active ministry by and with all older members, expand training of all staff serving in Episcopal institutions for the aging and to promote a spirit of church family through inter-generational ministry.
- A032 Amends Canon III that ministers of this Church who have charge of Parishes or Cures to be diligent in instructing the children in An Outline of the Faith Commonly Called the Catechism
- A142 & A143 requests development of a strategy of evangelism to Young Adults and under-represented Groups
- A170 encourages seminaries to develop programs for both students and faculty which would involve them in significant cross-cultural experiences
- D053 Guidelines for Theological Education prepared by the General Board of Examining Chaplains
- D054 charged the Standing Liturgical Commission to develop educational materials for new adult members of a congregation (implementation of adult catechumenate)
- D087 Establishes “Joint Christian Education Task Force” chaired by Locke Bowman to study the history & present state of Christian education and to recommend actions to strengthen the Church’s education ministry, including writing of curriculum
- A099 Changes in Canon III.26 regarding lay preachers, lay readers and catechists
- A070 That the Education for Mission and Ministry Unit, the Board for Theological Education and each seminary collaborate with diocesan, congregational, and other educators in a process of exploring new ways to deepen the vision of congregational life in all of its educational contexts; the Education for Mission and Ministry Unit identify and share in the support of at least three creative seminary-based projects that empower seminary graduates to be effective educational leaders and that information regarding these projects be widely disseminated and evaluated.
- Establishes Christian education as a priority of the church
- Native American Ministry Office established
- First official Youth Presence at General Convention (1982-B045 & 1985-D112)
- Authorization of experimentation with “inclusive language liturgies” for regular services in the Church
- Supports AIDS victims – PB Browning’s “no outcasts” address
- Oakerhater added to Episcopal Calendar of Saints

Gallup Religion in America survey indicates 3% of American Episcopalians are of Hispanic background

Native American Ministry Center for Theological Education established at Seabury-Western Seminary in Chicago

Desmond Tutu is awarded Nobel Peace Prize for his peaceful opposition to apartheid in South Africa

Episcopal Church Women (ECW) resume national triennial gathering

Pamela Chinnis becomes first female vice president of the House of Deputies

The Doctrine of the Laity published by Findley Edge – lay ministers should be trained in Bible knowledge, doctrines, church functions, church history, missions, Christian ethics, witnessing, teaching, visitation, counseling and administration – Christian education as an “equipping” ministry

Children and Communion is published by the International Consultation of Anglican Liturgists (Boston)

Institute for Catechumenal Learning is established with ELCA & Associated Parishes regarding adult formation (Mark MacDonald, Rob

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Hoffstat)

CET (Centro de Estudios Teologicos) is established in the Dominican Republic

Regional Ministry Developers from USA and Canada gather in Chicago (Dick Gary) to look at different approaches to ministry beyond the 1 church – 1 priest model

1986

North American Association for the Diaconate (NAAD) established in its current form <http://www.diakonoi.org/>

The Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) begins trial use

Space Shuttle Challenger disaster

1987

Christian education conference in Estes Park, CO (nationally sponsored)

60 Asian and Pacific parishes and mission in existence (up from 16 in 1973)

The Cornerstone Project (of The Episcopal Church Foundation) is a result of a challenge from PB Browning to seek new ways of promoting leadership development within the church by strengthening the personal and professional lives of clergy leading to *Excellence in Ministry* Report (from The Alban Institute and The Grubb Institute)

1988 – 69th General Convention: Detroit – PB Edmund Browning

- A066 - That the Episcopal Church renew and strengthen its educational ministry by advocating a clear focus on mission at every level of its life, faithful to the standard of the biblical word and the baptismal covenant; provide the necessary structures and funding so that the Mission Operations Team can enable congregations, with diocesan support, to continue or initiate a process of discernment, challenge, leadership and resource development, and action.
- A071 That the Education for Mission and Ministry Unit assume responsibility for overseeing the preparation of a manual (possibly entitled *Called to Teach and Learn in the Episcopal Church*) that will have the purpose of lifting up a vision of Christian education in Episcopal congregations consonant with the vision and goals statement of the task force and, also, provide clear, practical guidelines for planning and implementing Christian education in different contexts; set forth norms for the selection and production of curriculum and other resources; describe specific teaching and learning needs and characteristics for all age groups; identify specifically Anglican theological, liturgical, and historical content for study; and outline alternative models for teacher training; That the Education for Mission and Ministry Unit develop guidelines and norms as well as the other planning necessary to produce a manual in collaboration with the appropriate inter-unit working groups at the Episcopal Church Center, in order to draw on the insights and experience of both leaders and local practitioners from all racial, ethnic, and cultural communities, and from the widest possible range of program concerns of the people of the Church; That the Education for Mission and Ministry Unit develop and implement a plan to familiarize the leaders of congregations throughout the Church with the manual and to assist them in using it as a foundation for the renewal of their educational ministries; That the Episcopal Church, through its educational leaders; recognize and affirm the production of curriculum materials and supplementary resources by dioceses, congregations, seminaries, ethnic communities, and private groups and individuals; and that the Education for Mission and Ministry Unit disseminate among these groups the norms for Episcopal curriculum, offer individual consultation or workshops to provide technical assistance and training for curriculum writers affiliated with the groups listed above or at the grassroots level; That the Education for Mission and Ministry and the Communication units oversee the development of a continuing program for the production of videotaped material and for its distribution to congregations in both English and Spanish versions, such material to include a

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training series for volunteer teachers; a "video resource" to share current news and information regarding programs and resources used in Episcopal congregations; a series on how to assess program needs, and to design, implement, and evaluate programs; and such other units and series as may be required in the future.

- A072 That the staff of the Episcopal Church Center oversee the development of a plan for the use of computers in educational ministry by identifying software that would enable congregations and dioceses to call up needed information and resources and that would offer administrators and teachers a variety of options by printing out feasible and individualized plans for teaching and learning; That the Episcopal Church Center staff also provide information and encouragement for setting up systems of inter-computer communication among the Episcopal Church Center, diocesan offices, and local congregations for the sharing of information and the development of educational strategies; That in the interim period before such a system can become operational, efforts be made to utilize the columns of newspapers and magazines that have regular and frequent publication schedules, including, but not limited to, those publications especially directed to educators.
- A099 Authorizes the Rite of the Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant
- A126 Canon 9 – Ordination of local priests and deacons
- A153 makes the Staff Officer for Rural and Small Town Ministry permanent which is to include staff support for programs funded by the Church and other agencies, such as New Directions Ministry, the Resource Center for Small Churches, Coalition 14, Appalachian Peoples Service Organization, and other agencies such as Taucross Farm, the East Coast Migrant Network, and the Rural Workers Fellowship
- D196 recognizes the needs of mission and ministry in small communities and leaders need to be identified, trained and equipped to assist their congregations and dioceses in the ministry
- A034 adopts an Ecumenical Agenda for the triennium
- A061 directs the Board for Theological Education to include evangelism initiatives in their future educational planning
- A069 funds a research project study the identity, attitudes and functions of ministers (lay and ordained) as educators
- Joint Christian Education Task Force (from 85) reports that it is best for individuals, dioceses, congregations, seminaries and other Episcopal entities to publish curricula on their own, rather than sponsor another “national” curriculum largely due to the diversity of ECUSA (report leads to *Called to Teach and Learn* written largely by John Westerhoff)
- Offers direct support for three seminary projects to develop educational leaders
- Dioceses to educate the Church about the plight of the poor, incorporating this information into existing educational and vocational programs
- Action research project to study the identity, attitudes and functions of ministers (lay and ordained) as educators
- A156 Highlights adult education as a key to developing vitality in mission in congregations
- Encourages the Church to support responsible local and private school programs of education in human sexuality
- D064 urges training to identify the signs of battering and sexual abuse of women and children, produce a list of resources, directs clergy to refer victims to counselors and seminaries to include materials in their curricula
- A181 – A182 – A183 – A188 Resolutions directing the Board for Theological Education to: study recruitment and screening process, find ways to strengthen theological education, cross-cultural experiences, stewardship of resources for funding
- A189 – B006 call for education in world mission and AIDS
- C011 funds a National Student Gathering for each triennium
- D152 Affirms Youth Ministry and encourages further programs and support of Youth Ministers
- A100 Authorize Rites on the Preparation of Baptismal Sponsors
- B012 Authorizes young children to receive communion if they have been baptized and instruction be provided to older children and their parents

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- D163 That the Children's Advocacy Committee provide appropriate resources for the Church to be responsive to the needs, issues, stresses and decisions relating to children; and develop ways for the Church to act as an advocate (including legislative advocacy) on behalf of children.
- A057 Designates the 1990's as "The Decade of Evangelism"

Lambeth – Third World Anglicans become "of age" – designated 1990's as "Decade of Evangelism"

Episcopal Partners for Catechesis established (1 educator per province) as a network to support Office of Children's Ministries

Godly Play (Jerome Berryman)

Forward Movement begins publication of selections in Spanish

4% of theological students in the Episcopal Church are of Hispanic background (5% in the Roman Catholic Church)

Number of ordained Native Americans tripled from 1974

National Episcopal AIDS Coalition (NEAC) is formed

The Catechumenate emerges formally from the 1988 edition of the Book of Occasional Services

Episcopal seminaries begin to offer DMin degrees (Sewanee, EDS, Seabury-Western)

1989

Opportunities for Adult Christian Education and Spirituality (OACES – Rick Brewer and Angela Hock in Oklahoma) begins to provide resources for adults to apply Christian education to daily life and ministry

Episcopal Children's Curriculum written out of VTS and published by Morehouse

Barbara Clementine Harris, ordained the first woman bishop in the Anglican Communion and consecrated Bishop Suffragan of Massachusetts (elected in 1988; retired in 2003)

Diocese of Ohio (Joseph P. Russell) develops standards for teaching Episcopal heritage; other dioceses also begin to develop their own guidelines

DOCC program brought to Sewanee

In the Spirit of the Circle: Native American Curriculum, a series of posters and lessons is published as a collaboration between the Office of Children's Ministries & Office of Native America

Maria Harris: *Fashion Me a People: Curriculum in the Church* – the church is the curriculum

We Are Theologians: Strengthening the People of God by Fredrica Harris Thompsett published – the importance of the laity, particularly women to the expansive mission of the Church (revised and republished in 2004)

Episcopal Council of Indian Ministries established as successor to National Committee on Indian Work, with responsibility for funding diocesan Indian ministry in aided dioceses

1990

Called to Teach and Learn draft begins (in response to GC 1988 Task Force on Education)

- 1960s: Emphasis begins to shift to education for mission and educational leadership shifts from the national church to dioceses and congregations where there was a large cadre of professional religious educators; the national church's educational staff was cut and when finances began to dwindle on the diocesan and local level, these positions were also cut and there was no longer a national resource (people or materials) to fill the gap. During this period, there were two emphases in Christian education: discernment and response to God's action in the social order; and the nurture of life in the gathered Church - both competing for attention
- The family is now smaller and less stable, more mobile and more influenced by culture than the religious institution

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- Teacher education is not to be solely for those who officially teach in the Church's school – it is for all Christians.
- Preparation of catechetical resources and catechists need to take into account the racial, ethnic and cultural groups as well as educational and economic backgrounds of persons and demands on time, physical and financial resources.
- More attention should be given to Episcopal campus ministry and those congregations that exist near colleges and universities need to make them part of their mission and ministry
- Seminaries need to consider providing full-time faculty members in catechetics with a minimum of two required courses: on semester on catechetics and catechetical planning, and another on the role of teacher and the instructor/trainer of teachers. Continuing education courses in liturgical, ethical, pastoral and spiritual catechetics should be offered.
- Partnerships between home, congregation and church school should be established; congregations are the primary context for the forming and transforming of person in the life of faith – they must be intentional in enabling persons to live into their baptism throughout their life

Treasure Kids! Project launched from collaboration of dioceses / educators – Children's Charter Project

Effective Christian Education: A National Study of Protestant Congregations is published (Search Institute) Looks at formal Christian education as one of a number of aspects of congregational life, with the intent of evaluating its relative impact on the lives of adults and adolescents. Findings:

- An effective Christian education program has the strongest tie to a person's growth in faith and loyalty to one's congregation and denomination for adults and adolescents
- Involvement in Christian education ends for most Protestants at the 9th grade; those who do participate are not often exposed to effective programming – for most adults, faith is under-developed, lacking some of the key elements necessary for faith maturity; Faith is least developed among 9th & 10th grade boys
- Higher faith maturity and family religiousness show a direct correlation to the amount of exposure to Christian education
- Effective education requires particular kinds of process, content, leadership and administrative foundations
- The experience of serving others, through acts of mercy, compassion or the promotion of social justice is an important influence on the deepening of faith and most congregations are uninvolved in such actions

Steven Tsosie Plummer (Navajo) consecrated Bishop of Navajoland Area Mission, first Native American Bishop

Carol Gallagher (Cherokee) ordained priest, 3rd Indian woman

Master of Arts in Christian Education degree program begun at Virginia Theological Seminary

Episcopal Camps and Conference Centers is incorporated as a nonprofit organization for religious, charitable and educational purposes.

Whitaker School of Theology launches the Ministry Studies Program to provide formation and more directed field experience for deacons and the laity www.whitakerschool.org/

Americans with Disabilities Act passes Congress

Workshop Rotation Model for Sunday School begins in a Presbyterian Church in Chicago

Young Children & Worship is published by Sonja Stewart & Jerome Berryman (pre-cursor to *Godly Play*)

Greater Hartford Regional Ministry charter provides for a long-range planning committee to include other non-cluster parishes and to comprise a "planning region."

Peter Senge's *The Fifth Discipline* regarding learning organizations is published

1991 – 70th General Convention

- A004 Development of theological resources and models for adult education on AIDS

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- A064 direct the Board for Theological Education in conjunction with the National Committee on Congregational Development, the Council for the Development of Ministry, and the Council of Seminary Deans to establish new means for the education of persons recruited for the specialized area of new congregational development and the redevelopment of congregations in transition, assuring that these educational opportunities include ethnic, rural and cross cultural mission emphases
- A225 direct the BTE to work with the seminaries, dioceses, members of the Executive Council Staff appointed by the Presiding Bishop and other interested parties in the Church to explore and develop viable alternative programs and locations for ordained and lay theological education. Recognizing complex changes in the culture to which the Church is called to minister, particularly substantial demographic shifts, we are called to discover effective means for the education of an increasingly diverse, dispersed and mobile population. To that end specific strategies and pilot programs should be developed by the seminaries, utilizing current educational theories and technologies, which are sensitive to cultural diversity.
- Calls the Church to renew its commitment to God's gift of children giving high priority to ministry with and on behalf of children and youth, particularly those at risk
- D105 Calls all dioceses, congregations and church schools to provide age-appropriate educational programs for children and youth for protection against sexual abuse
- D116 Affirms the importance of young adults in the life of the church
- D166 Asiamerica Ministry Office be directed to develop a plan for recruiting, encouraging, and supporting ethnic Asian leadership, lay and ordained, in cooperation with the Council for the Development of Ministry and the Board for Theological Education
- D178 That the Executive Council give a high priority to Christian Education as expressed in the 1988 Presiding Bishop's Task Force on Christian Education in Congregations
- A125 Renews the Church's commitment to God's gift of children; That a high priority be given to ministry with and on behalf of children and youth, particularly those at risk; That each congregation provide an environment in which children and young people, regardless of social or economic status, may be encouraged and enabled to grow to the fullness of their potential.
- Tentative concordat between Episcopal and Evangelical Lutheran Church
- Downsizing of National Church as a publisher of educational material

The Model Dioceses Project (through 1997) formed through the Office of Children's Ministries (OCM) to build a new vision of children's ministries working with local congregations which reflected the diversity of the church and discover new ways of local, diocesan and national collaboration

Treasure Magazine premieres as a vehicle for The Church School Missionary Offering (CSMO), one of the few resource printed to go directly into the hands of children

Steven Charleston (Choctaw) consecrated Bishop of Alaska, where 50% of communicants are American Indian or Eskimo

Judy Sessions (Choctaw) ordained priest, 4th Indian woman

Godly Play: An Imaginative Approach to Religious Education by Jerome Berryman is published

25 Religious Orders in the Episcopal Church

Revisioning of the LAND notebook – Dean's Manual is written for Adult education

1992

First draft of *Called to Teach and Learn* is circulated for evaluation and comment within ECUSA

Offering the Gospel to Children by Gretchen Wolff Pritchard published

Sindicators annual conference is devoted to The Catechumenate

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Since 1972, *New Directions Ministries* has organized training programs for diocesan leaders, ministry trainers and clergy and lay leaders from small congregations. Approximately 400 persons from USA, Canada and Latin America have participated

Institute Hispano established at GTS

ATS revises standards for seminary accreditation (1) change theory/practice split (2) advocated for integration of multi-cultural perspectives (3) documented verifiable accountabilities (from ATS Racial & Global Commission report of 1990s)

Forums on contextual education and calls for wider scholarship in universities

Celebration of Our Survival, National Cathedral, marking 500 years of colonialism since Columbus' arrival in America

1993

Lift Every Voice & Sing II

Journey to Adulthood program comes out of North Carolina

Treasure Kids! Project is established (from The Model Dioceses Project) asking "what would the church look like if children were accepted as full and participating members of the Body of Christ?"

Multiple Intelligences published by Howard Gardner

Revision Committee of New Directions Ministries revises and strengthens basic principles

Living Stones begins

Seminario San Pedro y San Pablo established in Puerto Rico

1994 – 71st General Convention:

- B027 – Partnership with Province VIII for the coalition for Intercultural Ministry Development
- A045 move one more step towards eliminating institutional racism from the Episcopal Church by strengthening the recruitment, retention, and education of people of color for the ordained ministry of the Episcopal Church: Recruitment: strongly urge dioceses, clergy and congregations to actively recruit people of color for the ordained ministry and thereafter to work for their employment throughout the church. Retention and education: encourage seminaries to establish as a top priority the retention of students of color and to develop a curriculum that will enable *all* students to become effective anti-racist change agents within the Episcopal Church.
- Adult Education Office on national level closed
- *The Children's Charter for the Church* approved
- Youth have seat and voice
- C026 Youth Ministries office is directed to prepare educational materials to help youth understand their sexuality, address the issues of youth suicide, run-away and throw-away youth

Called to Teach and Learn distributed throughout ECUSA

The Children's Charter for the Church, Where the Chart Came From and Implementing a Children's Charter for the Church is made available through ECUSA

Seabury Institute founded at Seabury-Western "to challenge the Church to grown in faith and numbers by carrying out research and development projects in partnership with parishes."

The Leadership Academy for New Directions (LAND) presents its 25th session

Creighton L. Robertson (Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux) consecrated Diocesan Bishop, South Dakota

Living Stones Diocesan Partnership (Charles & Lynne Wilson) is established to provide mutual support to dioceses as they help Episcopalians

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and Anglicans discover their spiritual gifts and the supporting them as they carry out those ministries in their congregations and communities with financial support of The Cornerstone Project of the Episcopal Church Foundation (Jim Fenhagen) and the Roanridge Foundation.

LeaderResources founded by Linda Grenz as a result of the elimination of the Episcopal Church's staff office for adult education, leadership and lay ministry development. It's vision was to create a self-sustaining resource development system to serve the church and its communities

1995

The *Educational Ministries Conference* in Estes Park, CO (400 children's, youth, young adult and Christian education ministries)

National Task Force (formed from Model Dioceses Project) develops documents, proposals, policies and plans of action for sharing new initiatives in children's ministries

ESMHE develops a mission statement ". . . responds to this call by developing campus ministry in the Episcopal Church through advocacy, theological reflection, continuing education and fellowship"

Workshop Rotation Model gains national recognition as a 'movement' in Sunday School

Melanie Spears (Lakota) first Lakota woman ordained, 5th Indian woman, Minnesota

Statement of Self-determination (Native ministries)

Oklahoma City bombing

Global warming

1996

Ministry in Daily Life published

Episcopal Curriculum for Youth begins publication (VTS & Morehouse – completed in 1999)

Center of Anglican Learning and Leadership (CALL) is established at CDSP "all Christians deserve the opportunity to deepen their faith and to develop the gifts and skills that enable them to share in the church's mission and ministry."

Indigenous Theological Training Institute founded

The Liberation of the Laity written by Anne Rowthorn

OJ Simpson murder trial

1997 – 72nd General Convention: Philadelphia – PB Edmund Browning (Frank Griswold elected PB)

- A023 Seminaries be encouraged to prepare their graduates on what it means theologically to live in a permanently interfaith and religiously pluralistic world
- A063 request the Church Center staff to disseminate the report of the Standing Commission on Human Affairs, a study guide for the report, and an annotated bibliography of other materials and resources assembled by the Commission to the Bishops and to the directors of Christian Education or their equivalent in every Diocesan Office
- A069 Educational program of the Episcopal Church is to include education throughout the entire life span
- A134 That consistent with the provisions of Title III, Canon 1 (Of the Ministry of All Baptized Persons), the Council for the Development of Ministry, or other agency of the Executive Council as may be properly accountable for education of the laity, shall conduct a survey of all Dioceses

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every three years, which will describe the programs and budgets employed for the preparation and training of the laity for the exercise of their ministries; That prior to each General Convention a consolidated report of survey findings shall be prepared by the Council for the Development of Ministry or other appropriate agency and distributed to all Bishops and Deputies to the General Convention, to the Chairperson of each Diocesan Commission on Ministry, and to the Director of each training program identified in the survey.

- B025 Renews commitment to ministry in higher education
- D034 That each diocese, through the cooperative efforts of the Bishop and the Commission on Ministry or other designated body, shall be responsible for: (1) Establishing minimum standards for continuing education, including what constitutes an acceptable program and the number of days or hours required per year; (2) Providing the ways and/or means, in collaboration with the leadership in the diocese, parish, and/or other institution, for continuing education to be made available to all clergy and lay professionals; (3) Developing standards and methods of accountability for assurance of compliance with their plan. (4) The plan devised by each diocese shall be submitted to the Board for Theological Education and the Board shall present reports on continuing education provisions in the diocese to each General Convention.
- The *Standing Commission on Ministry Development* (SCMD) is created, combining the Council for the Development of Ministry (CDM) and the Board for Theological Education (BTE). From its inception, this Standing Commission has included two major foci—the development of the ministry of all the baptized and theological education
- Importance of fathers in children’s formation/education is recognized
- Life long education & higher education embraced
- Educational programming is to include lifelong learning (Christian education gets ‘tacked’ onto children’s office)
- B005 The Children’s Charter for the Church is passed with each diocese asked to “live it out locally”
- *The Church Hymnal Corporation* becomes *Church Publishing, Inc.* while continuing to publish Episcopal worship materials as mandated by General Convention’s Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music
- GC has a “children’s center” of interactive experiences for networking, resources and storytelling

Discovering Called to Teach and Learn is written as a study guide in English and Spanish

Wonder. Love and Praise hymnal is published

NAECED established (National Association for Episcopal Christian Education Directors) as an independent non-profit organization to support the education, justice issues and collegiality of professional Christian educators; an annual conference is established

Living Stones has 15 member dioceses (Indianapolis, Iowa, Kootenay, Minnesota, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Northern Michigan, Nova Scotia, Ohio, Olympia, Qu’Appelle, Rupert’s Land and South Dakota) and is self-supporting

Real Presence conference developed by ESMHE, Episcopal Church Foundation and Ministries with Young People Cluster

Mark MacDonald (Ojibway) elected bishop of Alaska

Decade of Remembrance, Recognition and Reconciliation begins

1998

“Charting a Course for Children in The Church” National Conference on Children’s Ministries held at Camp Allen, Navasota, TX (Authority of Generations + Children’s Charter debut nationally) – 400 Christian educators attend

Education, worship and advocacy are integrated through the Office of Children’s Ministries

LifeCycles adult curriculum is under development on the local level

CDSP receives grant for use of technology and education, resulting in on-line courses and weekend seminars open to all: *The Center for Anglican Learning and Leadership* (CALL)

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Israel turns 50

Lewinsky scandal – President Clinton impeachment

1999

Spanish language materials published: Children's Charter materials, Discovering Called to Teach and Learn

Ministry Developers Collaborative is formed as a spin-off of Living Stones to provide education, training and support for those called to be ministry developers <http://www.mindevelopers.org>

Living the Covenant: a ministry consultation organized by H. Boone Porter is held at St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN focusing on baptismal ministry in world and church; it is a bringing together of groups such as Associated Parishes, Living Stones, New Directions, NAAD, Sindicators, Leaveners, NASSAM, etc. from around the US, Canada, UK, Scotland, New Zealand and Australia (Don Phillips – “Local Collaborative Ministry” – community of learning needs to be the community of practice – continues today)

Sindicators' gathering, “Weaving Support for Baptismal Ministry”

Center for Baptismal Living opens

The Zacchaeus Project report underscores liturgy & worship as basic to The Episcopal Church

Explorefaith.org established as a non-profit organization of Partner Churches for ongoing spiritual formation for people of all ages on-line

Columbine shootings

2000 – 73rd General Convention: Denver – PB Frank Griswold

- D045 requests every commission and committee to consider the impact of its ministry on children through the use of The Children's Charter for the Church
- A019 acknowledges with appreciation the work done in a variety of diocesan settings in the exploration of the ministry of every baptized person, including and affirming Total Ministry and its particular focus on small congregations in rural and urban areas; and affirm the importance of each and every congregation as a center for ecumenism, evangelism, and stewardship.
- B015 That the Young Peoples' Ministry Cluster assume responsibility for overseeing the preparation of educational materials that reflect Anglican/Episcopal perspectives in the vision of life-long Christian formation in congregations; develop guidelines for the use of these resources in a variety of cultures and contexts by drawing on the experience and insight from educators, formation leaders, and young people who represent various racial and ethnic backgrounds; address the needs of small and large congregations; the use of technology and the arts in the development of this material; develop and implement a strategy for congregational leadership development for the use of these resources throughout the church; made available also in Spanish and French; and available for downloading from the DFMS website.
- B049 the lay and ordained leadership of the Episcopal Church, including all ordained persons, professional staff, and those elected or appointed to positions of leadership on committees, commissions, agencies, and boards be required to take anti-racism training and receive certification of such training
- C012 That the Episcopal Church of the United States of America support (and fund - \$450,000) new directions in American Indian training through the Indigenous Theological Training Institute in North America
- D022 Support the UN's “Decade for a Culture of Peace and Nonviolence”
- D057 Urge every congregation to offer programs of Bible Study for adults and youth as a means of empowering the baptized to live out their baptismal promise to "continue in the Apostles' teaching and fellowship"

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- A059 In support of this church's 20/20 program for evangelism, and in recognition of the joys and challenges of 21st century ministry, and in acknowledgment that this ministry requires specific strategies and skills in: intercultural leadership, contemporary foreign language courses, anti-racism education, church planting, congregational revitalization, evangelism, management of change, negotiation of conflict; strongly urge that dioceses carry out recruitment, discernment, and evaluation of persons for lay and ordained ministries which consider these strategies and skills as integral aspects of church leadership; that the seminaries and diocesan schools for ministry of The Episcopal Church be urged to review and renew curricula, providing inclusion of these strategies and skills; and that opportunities across the church for continuing education, focus on these strategies and skills, most especially in the coming triennium, in order to lay a strong foundation for 20/20 evangelism.
- A033 Decade of Evangelism – 20/20 Domestic mission imperative: Called to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ, we commit to being a healthy, dynamic, inviting church, reflective of the diversity of our society, deeply rooted in faith and the gospel, so that we live out our baptismal promise to be disciples who make disciples of Jesus Christ. We will do this through: Creative strategies for evangelism; Prayer and spiritual development; Recruiting and equipping innovative leaders; Strengthening congregational life; Focusing on children, youth, and campus ministries - In response to this commitment we intend with God's help, to double our baptized membership by the year 2020.
- A034 – Task Force on “20/20: A Clear Vision” Evangelism established

Episcopal Partners for Catechesis becomes *Episcopal Council for Christian Education* (ECCE) with 2 reps per province

Total Common Ministry School is developed for local ministry at Bexley Hall in Rochester

VTS receives Lilly Grants for (1) Transitional Ministry (2) Small Church / Diverse

The Center for Ministry in Small Churches begins through University of the South at Sewanee for clergy and laity in the four dioceses of Tennessee

<http://www.sewanee.edu/theology/cmssc/>

Presidential Election – Bush vs. Gore “chads”

2001

Faculties from all the (11) seminaries gather together outside Chicago for the first time

Renewed interest in religious pluralism

Lilly Endowment awards a \$419,565 grant to the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest to implement a project entitled,

Theological Education in the Episcopal Church: A Renewed Vision to call the whole church into fuller participation in the mission of providing theological education for all

EDS receives a Lilly Grant to focus on *Baptismal Ministry in Small Congregations*

LifeCycles debuts after being piloted through Sindicators

Enrollment in Episcopal schools has increased 29% since 1990 (National Center for Education Statistics)

September 11th attack on World Trade Center

Stem cell research / cloning

Mid-east violence in Gaza, West Bank and Jerusalem

2002

Virginia Theological (VTS) and Seabury-Western receive Lilly Grants to participate in a pilot project (transition ministry) to strengthen the ministry of newly ordained priests through continuing education

Carol Gallagher (Cherokee) becomes the first Native American woman bishop, Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Southern Virginia

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A Purpose Driven Life published by Rick Warren

ENRON scandal

War in Iraq and Afghanistan

Roman Catholic sex scandal

Terrorism around the world – al Qaeda / Chechen rebels

2003 – 74th General Convention Minneapolis – PB Frank Griswold

- A128 Reaffirms commitment to education support of young people; literacy programs, mentoring, conflict resolution, religious education, after school programs, Episcopal Schools and camps
- D021 endorse the Church Pension Fund's goal of firmly establishing Church Publishing Incorporated as a significant provider of books, software, and related services to The Episcopal Church's institutions and individuals
- A077 Adopt a vision as part of the 20/20 initiative that there shall be effective, well-organized ministries with children, youth, and young adults in every congregation where appropriate; and there shall be campus ministries in all colleges and universities where appropriate; commend the work of the Ministries with Young People Cluster, which has three networks: (1) youth ministries, (2) Christian education ministries, and (3) higher education ministries; and to create an additional network for young adult ministries; call upon their provincial networks to develop and implement in the dioceses, training strategies that include, but are not limited to: education in leadership development; sharing of technology, training resources, curricula, theological, and multicultural resources; practical application for life-long Christian formation; the strengthening of the existing networks in dioceses and provinces
- B024 Task Force on Lifelong Christian Education and Formation – no funding
- A120 Strategic Planning Committee for Theological Education – no funding
- B008 directs each diocese to adopt policies for the protection of children and youth from abuse and recommits to The Children's Charter for the Church
- D045 Affirms and urges consideration of the centrality of children to the ministry of the Church – reaffirms The Children's Charter for the Church
- A064 encourages dioceses and congregations to play a greater role in supporting people preparing for ordination and lay professions. Another targeted financial support for those working in underserved areas
- A067 affirms the participation of the Episcopal Church as a full partner in the Fund for Theological Education's Pastoral Leadership Search Effort (PLSE) which will identify, cultivate and recruit exceptional candidates under age 35 representing the multicultural diversity of society for ordination (with PCUSA, UMC & UCC)
- Youth & Young Adults become the #1 priority of TEC and financial resources follow
- Life Long Learning Center – interactive learning center offered in Exhibit Hall
- Children's program sponsored by host diocese based on VBS model of Wizards & Wonders and children are seated at tables during daily Eucharist with volunteer facilitators

Internship program for ministry developers

Will Our Faith Have Children? Christian Education Generation to Generation is held outside Chicago – 600 educators and leaders participate

– 90 dioceses represented

Consecration of V. Gene Robinson as Bishop of New Hampshire – strains in ECUSA / Anglican Communion

ESMHE realizes it has “run its course”

Loss of Space Shuttle Columbia

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Gay Civil Rights issues

2004

Proclaiming Education for All (PEALL) is formed by Executive Council, merging two resolutions – one calling for a Task Force on Christian Education, another calling for a study of theological education (Constable Fund grant)

College of Preachers and Cathedral Program Department merge at National Cathedral to form *Cathedral College*, “bringing together the very best resources of both institutions, creating an educational center that will empower local, regional and global religious and secular communities in proclaiming the power of God’s word.”

Come and Grow “campaign” and website established

Episcopal Society for Ministry in Higher Education (ESMHE) ceases

REA & APRRE organizations merge while each maintaining their own identity

The number of un-churched Americans has increased 92% from 1991 (The Barna Group www.barna.org)

Yassar Arafat & Ronald Reagan dies

Sudanese crisis

Mel Gibson’s *Passion of the Christ* and Michael Moore’s *Fahrenheit 911*

2005

Living Stones consists of 23 dioceses and one religious community

VTS receives Lilly Grant for *Making Connection*, which establishes the Summer Collegium, a program for strengthening the ministry of the small church / diversity

8,000 churches in US and Canada reported to use *Workshop Rotation Model* in Sunday School

PET (Diocesan Theological Education Program) organized in Ecuador Central

Hurricane Katrina devastates Gulf Coast area, including New Orleans and Mississippi’s Gulf coast

2006 – 75th General Convention: Columbus – PB Frank Griswold (first female PB, Jefferts Schori elected)

- Children, Youth & Young Adults are #2 priority of TEC (Millennium Development Goals are #1)

- New Standing Commission on Life Long Christian Education and Formation

- Resolution calling for all future General Conventions to offer appropriate child programming for birth – 12 years

Wrestling with the Big Questions: Loving God with our Hearts & Minds as well as our Souls consultation – 300 attend – collaboration between Office for Ministry Development, Council of Seminary Deans and Office of Children’s Ministries & Christian Education

2% of the U.S. Population is Episcopalian – 32% of them regularly attend church (Gallop Poll)

Continuing strains in Anglican Communion

Funding Future Leaders: A National Endowment for Episcopal Seminarians, (FFL) an initiative of The Society for the Increase of the Ministry (SIM), to raise funds (\$200 million over the next 20 years) to provide needs-based scholarships to students at the 11 Episcopal seminaries, is officially launched. The endowment *income* of \$10 million will provide needs-based scholarship grants.

Episcopal schools and Early Childhood Education programs serve a population of over 160,000 children with significant socio-economic, racial, cultural and religious diversity in over 1,000 schools and programs throughout The Episcopal Church, including the Caribbean, Central and South American and the Pacific Basin (100 more than in 1990) in over 850 parishes and cathedrals. <http://www.episcopalschools.org>

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2007

Diocesan Program for the Diaconate is established in Puerto Rico

Curriculum Writers of Province IX begin writing a contextual Christian education curriculum for all ages. Writers are representatives from all the dioceses in Province IX.

Church Center reorganization of staff and departments

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