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FROM THE DEAN: FAMILY REUNION

As a child, summertime was often marked by family reunions. Most years on or around the Fourth of July, the extended family gathered in the shelter house at MacMillan Park to feast on laughter, story-telling and cold fried chicken. The reunion featured the familiar and traditional: from same food enjoyed with relish every year, to Aunt Edith wanting to play Rummy, to hearing again all the embarrassing of stories told about each and every member present.

And at each reunion, there was also the new: a new baby, a new member of the family by marriage or a new absence as one more family members had departed this life since our last gathering. Sometimes we played whiffle ball or climbed on the playground equipment, but the time always came when everyone sat down together. A long row of picnic tables placed snugly end-to-end created one table, where everyone placed their heaping plates and enjoyed a long chat with those next to them and across the table. Sometimes you found yourselves next to someone you didn't really know that well or even like all that much, but more than once I heard my grandmother say, "That's what reunions are for. Whether you like 'em all or not, we are one family. And family needs to get together."

The Heart of the Church

As the days approached for the beginning of the 76th General Convention, one article likened the GC to a family reunion that was described in words very much like my grandmother's. While all Episcopalians are not of one mind on several issues in the Church, we are nonetheless one: one in Christ through baptism and one in mission through baptism.

At the opening of General Convention, the Presiding Bishop called the Church to stay focused on mission, saying we must not "think we can close the doors, swing our incense and sing our hymns, and all will be right with the world. The heart of this body is mission — domestic and foreign mission, in partnership with anyone who shares that passion." Preaching on the vision of the prophet Ezekiel that God will give Israel a new heart, Bishop Jefferts Schori said: "Jesus has already given this body a new heart. Every time we gather, the Spirit offers a pacemaker jolt to tweak the rhythm of this heart. The challenge is whether or not we'll recognize and receive that renewed life, whether the muscle will respond with a strengthened beat, sending more life out into the world."

Ubuntu

The theme of the General Convention was *ubuntu*, a Swahili term that reminds us that *we are all inter-connected in God's family and that we come to understand ourselves better*

when we understand each other in this wonderful kaleidoscope of The Episcopal Church. Ubuntu helps us realize the importance of compassion and reminds us that "I am because we are" (from Diocese of Pittsburgh website).



Archbishop Desmond Tutu writes: "In our country Ubuntu is the essence of being human. Ubuntu speaks particularly about the fact that you can't exist as a human being in isolation. It speaks about our interconnectedness. You can't be human all by yourself, and when you have this quality — Ubuntu — you are known for your generosity. We think of ourselves far too frequently as just individuals, separated from one another, whereas you are connected and what you do affects the whole world. When you do well, it spreads out; it is for the whole of humanity."

Bishop Howe's Impressions

In an e-mail to diocesan clergy following General Convention, Bishop Howe wrote: "the Convention was marked by great civility. We needed such a time together, and God's grace gave us such time. Many factors probably contributed to this—the theme of Ubuntu, the transitions taking place in the House of Bishops, and the absence of the most unhappy participants who have joined other groups. But I feel the most significant reason for the civility was the strong theme and focus upon the mission we are to serve. The preaching in worship, the majority of resolutions offered and the recognition that mission *is* the 'business of the Church' all contributed to our looking beyond ourselves. Even with the major decreases in the budget for the next triennium, mission was not compromised in favor of 'maintaining institution.' People were focused upon the priority of mission."

This Convention's Work to Build On

The General Convention through legislation, worship and in various ways throughout the entire gathering reaffirmed the *Five Marks of Mission*, first articulated by the Anglican Consultative Council in 1984:

- To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- To teach, baptize and nurture new believers
- To respond to human need by loving service
- To seek to transform unjust structures of society
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

The family reunion of the 76th General Convention has ended, and in the days ahead, the Church will begin to discern how best to carry out the fruits of this gathering.

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Summer Music at the Cathedrals

Sundays in August
2 p.m.



- August 2 • Hector Olivera, concert organist**
at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
- August 9 • Ann Marie Rigler, concert organist**
at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral
- August 16 • Amy Waldron, soprano**
at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral
- August 23 • The Summer Singers of KC**
at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral
- August 30 • The Missouri Brass Quintet**
with organist John Schaefer
at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

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About the summer series

As part of the continued covenant between our faith communities, the music programs of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral are pleased to host the Summer Music at the Cathedrals series the Sundays of August each year.

Ticket information

August 2: Hector Olivera

Tickets: \$20, call CIC for tickets
(816.842.0416 ext. 119).

August 9: Ann Marie Rigler

Free admission: \$10 donation requested; no one refused admission

August 16: Amy Waldron

Free admission: \$10 donation requested; no one refused admission

August 23: Summer Singers of KC

Tickets: \$20 adults/\$10 students/Under 12 free. Discounts for advance purchase and group rates available. Contact 816.235.2700 or www.festivalsingers.org for tickets.

August 30: Missouri Brass Quintet

Free admission: \$10 donation requested; no one refused admission

Helping mothers in Haiti

Did you know that Maison de Naissance services are provided at no cost to mother and baby? Funding is provided by people like you and me.

By choosing to financially support Maison de Naissance with a tax-deductible contribution, your donation will ensure that MN will continue to provide a safe, clean,



culturally appropriate and supportive environment for mothers living in

poverty Haiti who deserve a safe delivery.

To learn more about Maison de Naissance, please visit www.maisondenaissance.org or call Tina Seeley at 816.812.7100 to find out how you can help.

—by Stephanie Pumphrey

Treasurer's Report

June MTD	Budgeted MTD	Actual MTD
Income	\$ 199,085	\$ 202,007
Expenses	\$ 140,751	\$ 142,534
Net Total	\$ 58,334	\$ 59,473
June YTD	Budgeted YTD	Actual YTD
Income	\$ 968,954	\$ 972,471
Expenses	\$ 868,515	\$ 866,150
Net Total	\$ 100,439	\$ 106,321

Income at the Cathedral in June was about \$3,000 over budget. Income is always strong in June because we receive the annual William T. Kemper perpetual trust income. Expenses were about \$1,800 over budget.

Year-to-date income and expenses are both close to budget.

—by Doyle White

The Angelus

A laypersons' newspaper published in the interest of Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral.

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The Angelus Small Group is open to anyone interested in contributing (writing stories, taking photographs) regularly to *The Angelus*. No experience necessary.

Submissions from parishioners and small groups are welcome and encouraged. All entries are requested by the 15th day of the month prior to publication by e-mail: communications@ghtc-kc.org or fax: 816.474.5856.

Strategic planning committee seeks parishioner input

The Strategic Planning Committee of the Cathedral met again Saturday, July 18, and has initiated a process for further development of a comprehensive plan for the Cathedral — and you are an important part of this.

Using our Mission Statement as a foundation, the goal is to develop a strategic plan in the form of concrete recommendations for the Cathedral — recommendations that can in turn be integrated into the budget and finance processes. The first part of this journey, and perhaps the most important part, is to engage the membership of the Cathedral in discussions about several areas that have been identified as priorities.

The five interconnected priorities to be

considered right now are: Liturgy and Spiritual Life; Christian Education; Membership Development and Community; Communications; Downtown Relations and Outreach. It is hoped that these conversations can include existing committees and small groups at the Cathedral, focus groups of Cathedral members, and one-on-one conversations. A lead team of individuals assigned to each of these five areas will coordinate these discussions.

This listening process will be extremely active during the next couple of months, with the goal of presenting interim recommendations to Vestry committees in October. Following feedback from those committees and further refinement of the plan, it will be submitted in the form of

recommendations to the Dean in November, and a final report to the Vestry in December. All of this culminates in a Cathedral-wide meeting that we hope will take place in January 2010, and the application of this strategic plan to our annual planning for the next several years.

It must be emphasized again, however, that *a crucial part of this process is your participation*. The importance of all of us listening to each other as we build this map for the future cannot be over-emphasized. Watch for further announcements and your opportunity to join these discussions. Thank you.

Senior Warden David Rice is the chairperson of the Strategic Planning Committee.

—by John Hornbeck, committee member



GHTC Rocks!

Mark your calendars and plan on visiting Founders' Hall Sunday, August 30 for Rally Day. The theme this year is "GHTC Rocks!"

Representatives of Cathedral ministries and small groups will staff display tables after both the 8 and 10:15 a.m. services. It's a great opportunity to see the breadth of ministries going on at the Cathedral, and to learn more about each of them.

The 2009-2010 program year will then get underway the following Sunday, September 6. Christian Formation for all ages will resume, as will the music programs.

**Rally Day
August 30**

from the dean

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Mission at our Heart

Each Fourth of July, as we headed home from the reunion, I would evaluate the day. Two of my cousins are real brats, my new uncle is cool, Aunt Grace's yellow Jell-O with celery, beets and carrots is the worst, but the strawberry pie is the best. I really don't like coming to these reunions, but it wasn't so bad. I've belong to a quite a family, and, I've got quite a family.

Having come home from the 76th Family Reunion, it is clear to me that you and I belong to quite a family. We are human in every sense of the word, but more importantly, we are loved and redeemed by the Word made Flesh.

Whether *ubuntu* becomes a household word remains to be seen, but the spirit of *ubuntu* is the essence of what it means to be a baptized person: we are united to Christ and thus to one another. By grace we are interconnected, and we cannot be fully human all by ourselves. And at the center of this family, as at every reunion, is a Table. There is a seat for all, there is enough for all, and all are welcome to feast and take part in our mission. The heart of the Body of Christ is mission, and together we can cause that heart to beat stronger and send more life into the world. As Bishop Katharine said: *Can you hear the heartbeat? Mission, mission, mission.*

With affection,
Terry+

To be sure, there is legislation to enact. (You can read about every resolution at www.gc2009.org/ViewLegislation. I especially encourage you to read the actual wording of any resolutions that may have troubled you. Headlines are not always accurate.)

There will also be programs to create and adjust. The Episcopal Church Center will go through reorganization based upon the \$23 million budget adjustments over the next three years.

But mostly, what I believe will flow out of this latest family reunion is a deeper appreciation for and desire to better understand fellow Episcopalians from around the nation and the 15 other countries which together make up The Episcopal Church. I anticipated that *ubuntu* would be a short-termed fad that would be swallowed up by the business of convention.

In fact, the opposite occurred: our committee and legislative processes were truly influenced by the concept of *ubuntu*. Compassion for the other, and a desire to be interconnected one to another within this portion of the Body of Christ was manifested in powerful and substantial ways. In the days ahead, this work of the Holy Spirit will continue to flow through the Church by flowing through each of us.



Presiding Bishop's letter to the church on General Convention

My brothers and sisters in Christ:

The 76th General Convention is now history, though it will likely take some time before we are all reasonably clear about what the results are.

We gathered in Anaheim, as guests of the Diocese of Los Angeles, for eleven full days of worship, learning, and policy-making. The worship was stunning visually, musically, and liturgically, with provocative preaching and lively singing.

Our learning included training in Public Narrative, as well as news about the emergent church, in the LA Night presentation.

We welcomed a number of visitors from other parts of the Anglican Communion, including 15 of the primates (archbishops or presiding bishops), other bishops, clergy, and laity.

You can see and hear all this and more at the Media Hub: www.gchub.episcopalchurch.org.

The budget adopted represents a significant curtailment of church-wide ministry efforts, in recognition of the economic realities of many dioceses and church endowments, which will result in the loss of a number of Church Center staff who have given long and laudable service. Yet we will continue to serve God's mission, throughout The Episcopal Church and beyond. This budget expects that more mission work will continue or begin to take place at diocesan or congregational levels. Religious pilgrims, from the Israelites in the desert to Episcopalians in Alaska or Haiti, have always learned that times of leanness are opportunities for strengthened faith and creativity.

As a Church, we have deepened our commitments to mission and ministry with "the least of these" (Matthew 25). We included a budgetary commitment of 0.7 percent to the Millennium Development Goals, through the NetsforLife® program partnership of Episcopal Relief & Development. That is in addition to approximately 15 percent of the budget already committed to international development work.

We have committed to a domestic poverty initiative, meant to explore coherent and constructive responses to some of the worst poverty statistics in the Americas: Native American reservations and indigenous communities.

Justice is the goal, as we revised our canons (church rules) having to do with clergy discipline, both as an act of solidarity with those who may suffer at the hands of clergy and an act of pastoral concern for clergy charged with misconduct.

The General Convention adopted a health plan to serve all clergy and lay employees, which is expected to be a cost-savings across the whole of the United States portion of the Church. Work continues to ensure adequate health coverage in the non-U.S. parts of this Church. The Convention also mandated pension coverage for lay employees.

Liturgical additions were also included in the Convention's work, from more saints on the calendar to prayers around reproductive loss.

What captured the headlines across the secular media, however, had to do with two resolutions, the consequences of which were often misinterpreted or exaggerated. One, identified as D025, is titled "Anglican Communion: Commitment and Witness to Anglican Communion." It

- reaffirms our commitment to and desire to pursue mission with the Anglican Communion;
- reiterates our commitment to Listening Process urged by Lambeth Conferences of 1978, 1988 and 1998;
- notes that our own participation in the listening process led

General Convention in 2000 to "recognize that the baptized membership of The Episcopal Church includes same-sex couples living in lifelong committed relationships 'characterized by fidelity, monogamy, mutual affection and respect, careful, honest communication, and the holy love which enables those in such relationships to see in each other the image of God'";

- recognizes that ministry, both lay and ordained is being exercised by such persons in response to God's call;
- notes that the call to ordained ministry is God's call, is a mystery, and that the Church participates in that mystery through the process of discernment;
- acknowledges that the members of The Episcopal Church, and of the Anglican Communion, are not of one mind, and that faithful Christians disagree about some of these matters.

The other resolution that received a lot of press is C056, titled "Liturgies for Blessings." The text adopted was a substitute for the original, yet the title remains unchanged. It

- acknowledges changing circumstances in the U.S. and elsewhere, in that civil jurisdictions in some places permit marriage, civil unions and/or domestic partnerships involving same-sex couples, that call for a pastoral response from this Church;
- asks the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, and the House of Bishops, to collect and develop theological and liturgical resources for such pastoral response, and report to the next General Convention;
- asks those bodies to invite comment and participation from other parts of this Church and the Anglican Communion;
- notes that bishops may provide generous pastoral responses to the needs of members of this Church;
- asks the Convention to honor the theological diversity of this Church in regard to matters of human sexuality.

The full text of both resolutions is available here: www.gc2009.org/ViewLegislation. I urge you to read them for yourself. Some have insisted that these resolutions repudiate our relationships with other members of the Anglican Communion. My sense is that we have been very clear that we value our relationships within and around the Communion, and seek to deepen them. My sense as well is that we cannot do that without being honest about who and where we are. We are obviously not of one mind, and likely will not be until Jesus returns in all his glory. We are called by God to continue to wrestle with the circumstances in which we live and move and have our being, and to do it as carefully and faithfully as we are able, in companionship with those who disagree vehemently and agree wholeheartedly.

It is only in that wrestling that we, like Jacob, will begin to discern the leading of the Spirit and the blessing of relationship with God.

Above all else, this Convention claimed God's mission as the heartbeat of The Episcopal Church. I encourage every member of this Church to enter into conversation in your own congregation or diocese about God's mission, and where you and your faith community are being invited to enter more deeply into caring for your neighbors, the "least of these" whom Jesus befriends.

*—by the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori
Presiding Bishop and Primate, The Episcopal Church*



The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori

Reel People

Wednesday, August 26 • 6:30 p.m.

Our movie: *Junebug*

Our meal: Pizza, Salad & Dessert.

Please bring \$5 and RSVP to Annie Heck and Gary Hicks (816-941-7295 or gary@garyhicks.net).



If you have been thinking about joining the group, this is the perfect time!

Celebrate: Share Your Birthday

Celebrate your birthday or other special event by sharing with a Kansas City area teenager in foster care. How it works:

- Your donation, in any amount, will help purchase a \$25 gift card. This card is given to foster care teens on their birthdays.
- Your donation can be placed in the offering today, or mailed to the Cathedral office. Please mark your check or offering envelope "Foster Care Birthday Fund."

Collecting School Supplies

The Cathedral's is again collecting needed School supplies for 100+ children attending school on campus at Saint Luke's-Crittenton Children's Center, a residential care and hospital for children and adolescents located here in Kansas City. A collection basket is in the Tower entrance for items. All items should be brought by Sunday, August 16.

Items needed:

- loose leaf notebook paper (no metal bindings)
- composition notebooks (no metal bindings) for journaling
- pencils, mechanical pencils and pens
- pocket folders
- colored pencils and markers and crayons
- glue sticks / bottles



Contact David Pierson if you would like more information about how you can be involved in our Foster Care/Adoption Ministry (moteladdict@yahoo.com).

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Cathedral archives to move to safer location

The Vestry recently approved a resolution from Buildings and Grounds which will relocate the Cathedral Archives off-campus — safe from moisture damage, yet easily accessible by Cathedral archivists Mary Byrne and Ferne Welles.

For several years, the Cathedral's archives — service registers, documents, historic photographs, correspondence and the like — have been cataloged and stored in a storage room in the lower level of Founders Hall, adjacent to the Kansas City Community Kitchen. Not only have the archival needs of the Cathedral outpaced the space of the storage room, the room itself was never designed to safeguard 100 years' worth of records that are utterly irreplaceable. Neither the temperature nor the humidity of the room can be maintained at optimal levels, and there is no system of fire suppression in place. Should a kitchen fire occur adjacent to the storage room, the sprinkler system would irreparably damage the archival boxes and paper documents.

Safe, accessible and affordable were the qualities that the Buildings

and Grounds Committee sought in pursuing bids from Kansas City area storage companies. In the end, they submitted a resolution to Vestry at the June meeting that Underground Vault and Storage company be awarded the bid. UVS is headquartered in Topeka, Kan. and maintains a huge underground facility in the limestone caves at Subtropolis Business Park, located on Highway 210 between I-435 and MO-291. Cathedral archivists visited the facility along with Buildings and Grounds representatives, and were "impressed" with the climate control, security and accessibility that this company would afford.

Another feature was flexibility. Some of the archived materials can be immediately transferred to UVS. This will provide working space to allow archivists Mary and Ferne to continue their cataloging work — efforts which ultimately speed the retrieval of documents as needed. Ultimately, such cataloging will also empower future digitizing of archived documents so that there can be an electronic record as well as hard copy archives.

—by the Rev. Canon Sue Sommer

July flower gifts

July 5

- in memory of Maria — from her parents Sandra and Albert Mauro and her sister Rachel and brother Albert Jr.
- in celebration of the birthday of my husband, Pat — Kay Woolley

July 12

- in thanksgiving for my daughter, Celeste Finet — Ruth Finet
- in celebration of our wonderful marriage — Joe and Jackye Finnie
- in honor of the birthday of my wife, Bridgett Shirley — Mike Sancho
- in thanksgiving for our son, Daniel John — Caroline and Premkumar John
- in thanksgiving for our wedding — Sarah Huffer and Seth Hobart

July 19

- in thanksgiving and celebration of the birthdays of my husband, Stephen and our twins Monty and Lilly — Tricia Pellet Lyddon
- in memory of my mother, Frances Wright — Suzanne Wright

July 26

- in thanksgiving for our wedding — Sarah Galliher and PJ Ventola

To donate toward the flowers to celebrate a special event or remember a loved one, sign up online at www.ghtc-kc.org/flowers or contact the Cathedral office (816.474.8260 ext. 103 or office@ghtc-kc.org).



Culinary Cornerstones graduation, student expo

Episcopal Community Services invites you to the August 15 Culinary Cornerstones graduation and student expo. Experience the culinary creations of our latest group of students then celebrate their graduation into a new world of possibilities. The evening begins at 6 p.m. with a food expo with catered appetizers. The Culinary Cornerstones Graduation begins at 7 p.m. in Founders' Hall. Please RSVP to Courtney: cyoung@episcopalcommunity.org or 816-474-6524.

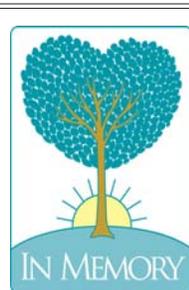
Culinary Cornerstones is a groundbreaking program that trains people for jobs in the food service industry. Culinary Cornerstones addresses root causes of hunger—unemployment and under-employment, for example—by providing necessary job skills and placement assistance.

The ideal student has a strong desire to change his or her economic status through a commitment to a career in the culinary arts. Many will have some barriers to employment, including substance abuse, criminal records or learning disabilities. Kansas City Community

Kitchen staff members recruit students from regular kitchen guests; others are referred from local social service agencies who serve people living in poverty.

During each 12-week session, about 25 students learn culinary techniques, safe food handling, nutrition planning and life skills. Professionalism is stressed through emphasis on attitude, teamwork and respect. Proper use of uniforms, personal hygiene and grooming also are emphasized. Mentoring by previous students and presentations by current food service employees provide students with a realistic view of opportunities in the industry.

Students spend about 2.5 hours daily in the classroom, followed by 3 to 4 hours of hands-on experience. They assist in planning, preparing, and serving catered meals for various community groups. A required catering event for each class generates a lot of enthusiasm and builds self-confidence. Following graduation, the program assists students in finding employment in the food service industry.



Give to the departed eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them.

- Regina Hathorne, *Gayle Hathorne's sister*
- Lathrop Gates, *Paget Higgins' brother*

Save the Date

Croquet Tournament
September 26



Benefiting the
Cathedral's Social
Action ministries

Fun Day at Deanna Rose Farmstead

Thursday, August 6
2 p.m.

- Everyone's Invited! Join us for an afternoon at the farmstead and petting zoo!
- Not a fan of farm animals? Bring a racket and some balls and have fun on the tennis courts!
- The farmstead is located at 138th and Switzer in Overland Park, Kan.
- Visit www.opkansas.org/_Vis/farmstead for more info.



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This Month's Activities

SUNDAYS IN AUGUST

2:00 p.m. Summer at the Cathedrals concerts

9 • SUNDAY

Blood pressure checks at coffee hour

26 • WEDNESDAY

6:30 p.m. Reel People

27 • THURSDAY

5:00 p.m. Vestry

30 • Sunday

Rally Day following both morning services

Please verify times and dates of the events listed with the appropriate person(s) or by contacting the Cathedral office or website (www.ghtc-kc.org).

Weekly Activities

SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist

5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

MONDAY-FRIDAY

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist

TUESDAY

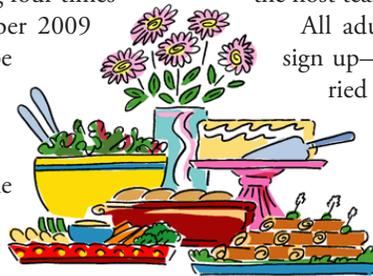
1:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study

THURSDAY

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

Dinner for 8 begins in September

One of the best ways to get to know each other is to spend time eating and sharing together. Dinner for 8 gives adults in our congregation this opportunity. Each Dinner for 8 group will consist of four teams of two — couples may be a team. All groups will be committed to meeting four times for a meal between September 2009 and July 2010. Groups will be randomly selected from those who sign up and will meet at each other's homes (or other location as determined by the group) during the coming year for a potluck style dinner.



At each dinner the host team will provide the main dish; other dishes will be provided by the other teams or couples in your group. The host team or couple will rotate for each dinner so that everyone

will host a dinner one time during the year. Dinners may be as formal or casual as your group decides—the purpose of the dinners is to enjoy fellowship with each other and become better acquainted. The selection of beverages served will be at the discretion of the host team.

All adults are encouraged to sign up—whether you are married or single. You may sign up with a partner or ask to be paired up and each couple will work as a team when it is your turn to host a dinner.

We hope you will consider this opportunity and if you have any questions you may call Karen Behen at 816.468.4639 or e-mail at karen.behen@gmail.com.

Sign up for Dinner for 8 in August during coffee hour until Rally Day, August 30. You can also sign up by contacting Karen Behen at karen.behen@gmail.com.