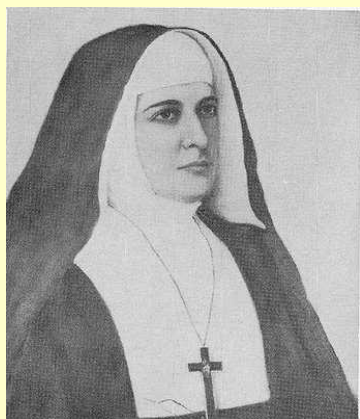


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## Constance, Nun, and her Companions



In August, 1878, Yellow Fever invaded the city of Memphis for the third time in ten years. By the end of the month, the disease had become an epidemic and a quarantine was ordered; the death tolls averaged 200 daily. When the worst was over, 90% of the population had contracted the Fever; more than 5,000 people had died. In this time of panic and severe illness Constance, Superior of the work of the Sisters of St. Mary in Memphis, and her companions remained at their posts. Constance organized relief work among the stricken with a team of six of her fellow Sisters of St. Mary's and three physicians, two of whom were ordained Episcopal priests. This group, along with several other volunteers, have ever since been known as The Martyrs of Memphis. The group worked in sweltering heat and scenes of indescribable horror. Only two of the workers escaped the Fever. Among those who died were Constance, three of the Sisters, and the two priests.

*We give you thanks and praise, O God of compassion, for the heroic witness of Constance and her companions, who in a time of plague and pestilence, were steadfast in their care for the sick and the dying, and loved not their own lives, even unto death: Inspire in us a like love and commitment to those in need, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen*

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## Calendar of Events

*If you would like to see your event listed here, please email [Clelia](mailto:Clelia). If you would like to see your event listed in the [diocesan calendar](#), please email [Barbara](mailto:Barbara).*

### SAVE THE DATES

**Sep - May, CHRISTIAN BASICS: An Outline of the Faith (found in the Book of Common Prayer)** offered by the Frensdorff School beginning Sep 13 at St. Peter's Church in Carson City. This class is open to anyone seeking educational formation into baptismal discipleship. The class will meet twice monthly on Sunday afternoons from 1:00 - 4:00 PM. The first semester (Sep - Dec) will follow the theme "A Community of Revelation." The second semester (Feb - May) will continue with the theme "A Community of Reconciliation." The class facilitator will be Chuck McCray. Please contact [frensdorff.school@gmail.com](mailto:frensdorff.school@gmail.com) for more information.

**Sep 12, THE LEUKEMIA AND LYMPHOMA SOCIETY FUNDRAISER, 6:00 PM**, All Saints', Las Vegas. Everyone is welcome. Please pre-register for tickets by calling nancy LaCombe at 702-339-8396, or Jennifer Bucher at 702-219-3632. Food and prizes for all; and children's games, including a magic show, cake walk, and raffles.

**Sep 15, IGNITING YOUR SPIRIT OF RESILIENCE - One Book at a Time**, 7:00 - 8:30 PM, Stillpoint Center for Spiritual Development, 8072 W. Sahara, Ste D, Las Vegas. For information call 702-243-4040.

**Sep 20, CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN** for Kindergarten - 5th Grade, 10:15 AM, All Saint's, Las Vegas

**Sep 26, TRAINING WORKSHOPS FOR LAY LEADERS, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**, All Saints', Las Vegas (Bishop Dan); St. Paul's, Elko Rev. Karen Albrethsen); Trinity, Reno (Rev. Jim Beebe & Rev. Jim Edwards). Call Bishop Dan's office for additional information, or to register.

**Sep 26, CENTERING PRAYER WORKSHOP**, offered by **Contemplative Outreach Of Southern Nevada**, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM, \$20., Stillpoint Center for Spiritual Development, 8072 W. Sahara, Ste D, Las Vegas. For information call 702-243-4040.

**Sep 27, A SPECIAL MULTI-CULTURAL WORSHIP SERVICE WITH BISHOP DAN PRESIDING at the Ending of a Pastoral Care Relationship and Rector's Retirement Celebration**, 2:00 PM, All Saint's Las Vegas.

**Sep 30, A RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE**, 10:00 AM - 12 Noon, OR 6:30 - 8:30 PM, Stillpoint Center for Spiritual Development, 8072 W. Sahara, Ste D, Las Vegas. For information call 702-243-4040.

**Oct 3, SPIRITUAL THEOLOGY OF THE EUCHARIST AND ITS PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS: A Roving Workshop by Bishop Dan, St. Paul's Church, Elko.** No Charge. For Additional Information

**Oct 22 - 25, DIOCESAN CONVENTION: I Love To Tell The Story; Keynote Speaker: Fr. Jake aka Fr. Terry Martin. Harvey's Resort & Casino, Lake Tahoe Area.** For Reservations

**YOUTH WEEKEND AT CAMP GALILEE DURING THE CONVENTION - Ages 7-18; all types of camping activities.** Fee for the weekend is \$100. Please contact [stuartcampbell66@gmail.com](mailto:stuartcampbell66@gmail.com) for information, or to register your children.

**Nov 1, CHORAL EVENSONG WITH RECITAL: BEDE PARRY, ORGANIST, 5:30 PM**, All Saint's, Las Vegas

**Nov 22, THE GRAND PRIZE, Raffle Drawing at St. Matthew's** - Proceeds to benefit St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. 1st Prize - 4 tickets to Las Vegas's Lion King at Mandalay Bay; one-night stay at Mandalay Bay; and a \$200 gift certificate for dinner. One ticket; \$5; three tickets: \$12.00; five tickets: \$20.00. Please ask a Vestry Member for the tickets. Thank You for your support.

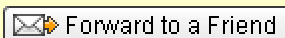
**Dec 20, CEREMONY OF LESSONS AND CAROLS, 10:30 AM, All Saints', Las Vegas**

**Dec 24, CHRISTMAS MUSIC BY ALL SAINTS' CHOIR, 10:30 PM, All Saints', Las Vegas**

**Jan 10, EPIPHANY CHORAL EVENSONG WITH RECITAL: BEDE PARRY, ORGANIST, 5:30 PM, All Saints', Las Vegas**

**Feb 17, ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY WITH SPECIAL MUSIC BY ALL SAINTS' CHOIR, 7:00 PM, All Saints', Las Vegas**

**Mar 28, CONCERT BY ALL SAINTS' CHOIR, 5:30 PM, All Saints', Las Vegas**

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## *Communities in Schools*



*Communities in Schools* (FB Home Page)

**Over the past 30 years, Communities in Schools (CIS) has become one of the most effective dropout prevention strategies in the country with a proven track record of moving the needle on dropout statistics.**

**We are founded on the recognition that most students who drop out of school are dealing with a variety of obstacles that present barriers to their education, and that only a few of these are school-related. Most stem from overarching family and community issues like poverty, drugs. Our mission is to champion the connection of needed community resources with schools to help young people successfully learn, stay in school and prepare for life.**

**In the areas where CIS services have been implemented we've seen excellent results and definite change for the better.**

**With help from donations and community volunteers we are able to provide the at-risk children of Southern Nevada an equal opportunity at a bright and fulfilling future. And we hope to do the same for thousands more children by growing our organization and expanding our reach throughout Nevada.**

**To do so we need your help. Please join us for our presentation at this year's Convention in Lake Tahoe.**



## Desert Angels Health Tip of the Week

### Episcopal Relief Development Fund (ERD) offers guidance on H1N1

It is critical that we, as churches, dioceses, and caregivers prepare for the possibility of an influenza pandemic. It is our hope that in preparing for this possibility, our collective - parishes, schools, lay and ordained ministers, administrative quarters, and all in our faithful family - will be better able to protect each other, and to serve those in need should a pandemic event occur.

[Pandemic Preparedness](#) (please visit this important website)

## NEWS BRIEFS

Yes, we now have our own Facebook page! [Episcopal Diocese of Nevada Facebook Page](#). Please visit our page, get acquainted with it, make comments, ask questions, visit Bishop Dan's blog, and more...

**A summary of General Convention actions is now available. [General Convention actions](#)**

**Episcopal Recovery Ministries in Nevada is in formation** and will have its first meeting at Diocesan Convention in October. If you would like to participate in this ministry, or have questions, please contact Kathie Knutson Meier at [knutenote@cox.net](mailto:knutenote@cox.net) (702-684-6444 or 253-250-9531), or have a look at the home page <http://www.episcopalrecoveryministries.org>

**Diocesan Convention, Harvey's, South Lake Tahoe - Thursday, Oct. 22 - Sunday, Oct. 25, 2009.**  
**Theme: I Love to Tell the Story. Keynote Speaker: Fr. Jake, aka Fr. Terry Martin.** The entertainment for dinner on Saturday, Oct. 24 will be McAvoy Lane aka the Ghost of Mark Twain. More information about McAvoy is available at [www.ghostoftwain.com](http://www.ghostoftwain.com). When you book your room online there is NO FEE. Online Booking

**IF YOU HAVE A BANNER REPRESENTING YOUR PARISH, YOU ARE ASKED TO BRING IT TO CONVENTION FOR DISPLAY (WITH A STAND, IF POSSIBLE).**



**A Bus Trip to Lake Tahoe for the Diocesan Convention** in October will be sponsored by St. Matthew's, Las Vegas. **The cost is \$125 per person; the reservation deadline is September 15.** For information, or to make a reservation, contact Thelma Northrup at (702)-889-3929; or email [stmatts@embarqmail.com](mailto:stmatts@embarqmail.com)

**Resolution Committee Formed** - The Resolution Committee for the Diocesan Convention 2009 has formed. The members are: Rev. Victoria Daniel Riley, Chair; Rev. Helen McPeak; Fred Lee; and Margaret Bouzek. All resolutions must be submitted to Rev. Riley not less than 90 days prior to the first day of the convention. Please submit resolutions via email to [vriley@nevadajustice.org](mailto:vriley@nevadajustice.org), or by U.S. mail to Rev. Victoria Daniel Riley, 2769 Wellington North, Carson City, NV 89703.

**The Following Groups will meet during Convention on Saturday, Oct 24 from 1:30 - 3:30 PM:**

Episcopal Recovery Ministries; Episcopal Church Women; Desert Angels Health Care Ministry; Parish Treasurers; Mission Support Team; Ministry Development Commission;

Green Team: Environmental Ministries; Faith & Visual Arts Ministries; Standing Committee; Commission on Ministry; Ministry Development Commission; Evangelism Team.

**Bishop Dan encourages those interested in these ministries to attend even if they are not otherwise involved in Convention.**

**eNewsletter Photo Contest !!** We are seeking a new eNewsletter Banner photograph that comes from Northern Nevada. The banner dimensions are 675 x 239. If you have a camera, please take a picture and send it to [garritycpg@gmail.com](mailto:garritycpg@gmail.com) The contest winner will be rewarded a beautiful linen purificator for your church's sacristy. Contest ends Friday, Oct. 2.



**The Bishop Wes Frensdorff School of Christian Formation:** A new Education Venture of the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada. The school's mission is *To bring together all Nevada Episcopalians for Christian formation, empowering each other to live deeply into our Baptismal Covenant in our relationships, service in daily life, and witness to the world.* To learn more go to the new Frensdorff School of Christian Formation website: <http://frensdorffschool.webs.com/>

*Please submit your news briefs to Clelia at [garritycpg@gmail.com](mailto:garritycpg@gmail.com)*

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#### About Us

The Episcopal Diocese of Nevada embraces 6,000 members from communities throughout Nevada and Bullhead City, Arizona in 34 congregations and 2 new faith communities. Our electronic newsletter service and print journal, The Desert Spirit, are provided to parishes and members free of charge.

Persons interested in the ministry of communications may contact [Barbara](#), [Hallie](#), or [Karl](#) to get involved.

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