



Dear Friends of Episcopal Camps & Conference Centers and of the Episcopal Church,



Picture of me (Bill) in the middle, with my friends, PJ and Julia at an ECCC Annual Conference

Hello, my name is Bill Slocumb, and I am an Episcopalian, born and raised in Dallas, Texas, where I attended St. Luke's Episcopal Church. During high school I participated in Mission Trips with youth group, went to and worked as a Team member of the Happening retreat, and attended and staffed at the Episcopal camp, Camp Crucis.

Ever since graduating college in 2003, I have worked for the Episcopal Church, mostly through camping and retreat ministries, with a year of campus ministries, in the dioceses of Dallas, Ft. Worth, San Diego, Los Angeles, Maryland and Florida. Then in 2007, I moved to Camp Stevens, near San Diego, to become the first full time staff member of Episcopal Camps and Conference Centers (also known as ECCC). ECCC is a resource/help desk for camps and centers in the Episcopal Tradition. And we are staffed by me, Director of Member Services, and part-time Executive Director, Peter Bergstrom.

In 2008, the ECCC staff and board of directors decided to put me on the road visiting centers face to face. This process of visitation will take place over 3 summers. In June of 2008 I set out on my first road trip. I visited 23 centers, made 3 other major stops in Michigan, NYC and Texas. I logged 11,000 miles total. Below is a summary of my findings, where I went and the goals of the trip. The project has been dubbed Face to Face. I blog about my travels at <http://episcopaltraveler.wordpress.com>

I am looking forward to the second round of visits this summer. This time, I'll visit Provinces 3, 4, 7-- the centers and camps in the South, South East and Mid-Atlantic.

I hope you keep up with my trip, and contact me if you want more information about my travels, ECCC, or if you have any questions

In Faith,

Bill

Episcopal Traveler

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Episcopal Camps and Conference Centers
Face to Face - Summer 2008 Recap - 11/13/08

History:

The original concept of Face to Face, the 3 month tour, was brought up at ECCC's January Board Meeting.
The original thoughts/guidelines for the trip were:

To put a face with the ECCC name for centers/directors instead of a letter or phone call
A role for the Director of Member Services for the summer season.

A way to collect Best Practices to share and research what types of help centers needed

A way to see which centers were struggling the most and/or needed consulting

[note: there were no specific plans to look at summer camp operation/program specifically]

Centers Visited - 2008 - 24 Total

Province 1

Center	State	Center Type	Diocese	Contact
Camp Washington Camp and Retreat Ctr.	CT	Camp & Conf. Ctr.	Connecticut	Jean Handler
Episcopal Conference Center	RI	Camp & Conf. Ctr.	Rhode Island	Sue Hurn
Bishop Booth Conf. Ctr.	VT	Camp & Conf. Ctr.	Vermont	Betsy Brown
Bement Camp and Conf. Ctr.	MA	Camp & Conf. Ctr.	Western Massachusetts	Jill Williams

Province 2

Center	State	Center Type	Diocese	Contact
Christ the King Ctr. and Beaver Cross	NY	Camp & Conf. Ctr.	Albany	Matt Baker
Camp DeWolfe	NY	Camp & Conf. Ctr.	Long Island	Kathleen Loomis-Ward
Cross Roads Outdoor Ministries	NJ	Camp & Conf. Ctr.	Newark	Marie Skweir, Andrew Molnar

Province 4

Center	State	Center Type	Diocese	Contact
Mikell Camp and Conf. Ctr.	GA	Camp & Conf. Ctr.	Atlanta	The Rev. Ken Struble
Grace Point Camp and Retreat Center	TN	Camp & Conf. Ctr.	East Tennessee	Christopher Turner
All Saints Episcopal Ctr. (KY)	KY	Camp & Conf. Ctr.	Kentucky	The Rev. Larry Handwerk
The Cathedral Domain	KY	Camp & Conf. Ctr.	Lexington	Andy Sigmon
Valle Crucis Conference Center	NC	Conf. Ctr.	Western North Carolina	Tom Eshelman

Province 5

Center	State	Center Type	Diocese	Contact
Waycross Episcopal Camp & Conf. Ctr.	IN	Camp & Conf. Ctr.	Indianapolis	Van Beers
Cedar Hills Camp and Conf. Ctr.	OH	Camp & Conf. Ctr.	Ohio	The Rev. Peter Nielsen, III
Sheldon Calvary Camp	OH	Camp & Conf. Ctr.	Pittsburgh	Tim Green
Procter Camp and Conf. Ctr.	OH	Camp & Conf. Ctr.	Southern Ohio	Penny Buckley

Province 6

None in 2008

Province 7

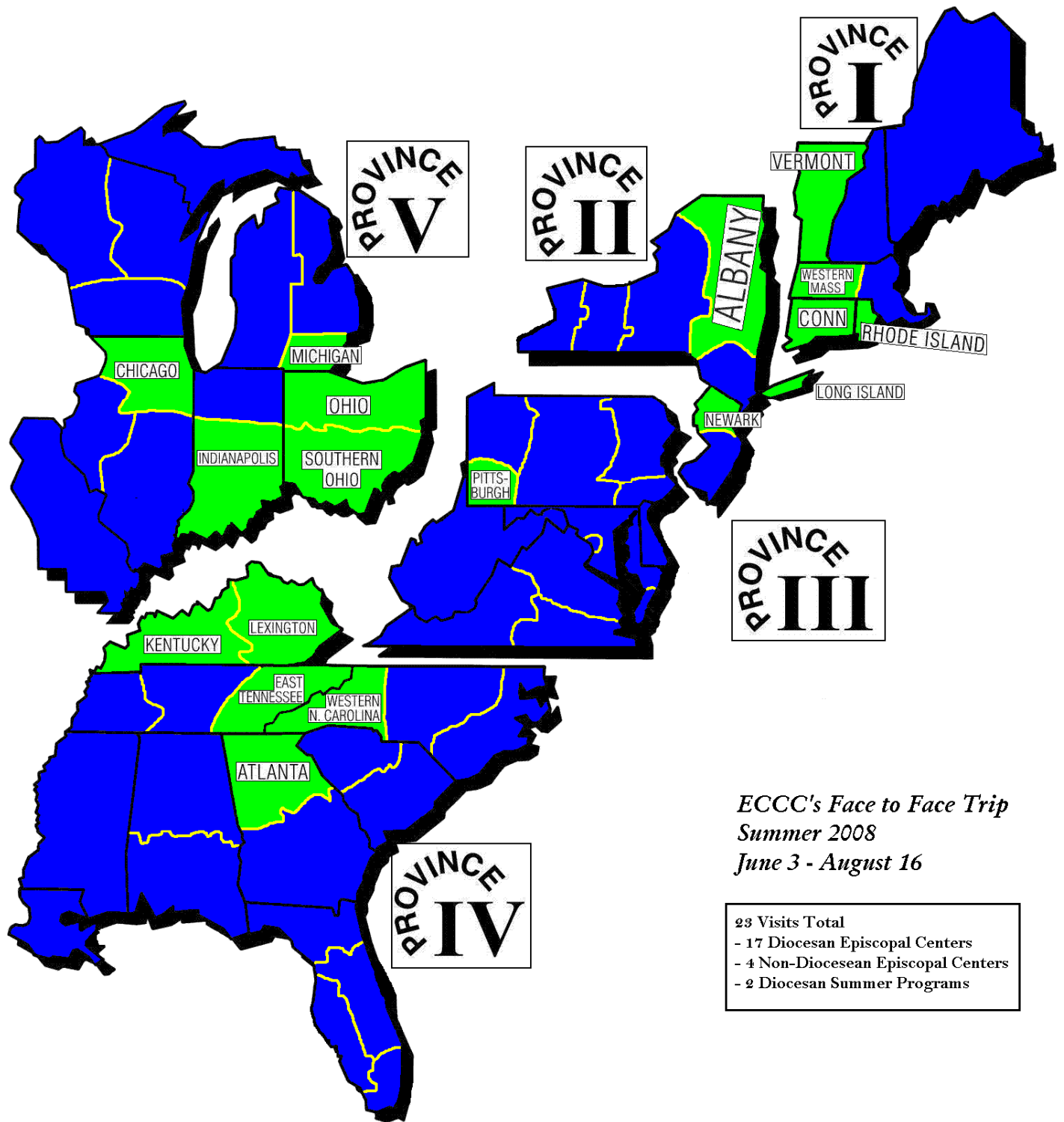
Center	State	Center Type	Diocese	Contact
Camp Allen Conf. and Retreat Ctr.	TX	Camp & Conf. Ctr.	Texas	George Dehan
Camp Capers	TX	Camp & Conf. Ctr.	West Texas	Stacy Dowdy

Province 8

Center	State	Center Type	Diocese	Contact
Huston Camp and Conf. Ctr.	WA	Camp & Conf. Ctr.	Olympia	Bill Tubbs
St. Andrew's House Ret. & Conf. Ctr.	WA	Conf. Ctr.	Olympia	Jeff Gruber

Non-Diocesan Center

Center	State	Center Type	Diocese	Contact
Kanuga Conferences, Inc.	NC	Camp & Conf. Ctr.	Non-Diocesan	Stanley Hubbard, Jr.
Incarnation Center	CT	Camp & Conf. Ctr.	Non-Diocesan	Peter Larom
Trinity Conference Center	CT	Conf. Ctr.	Non-Diocesan	Jon and Wendy Denn
Toddhall Retreat and Conference Center	IL	Conf. Ctr.	Non-Diocesan	Wendy Parker



*ECCE's Face to Face Trip
 Summer 2008
 June 3 - August 16*

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| <p>23 Visits Total</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 17 Diocesan Episcopal Centers - 4 Non-Diocesan Episcopal Centers - 2 Diocesan Summer Programs |
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Results from How to Help

I found 91 ways to help the 19 centers

- 37% 7 centers need help in Board Development (Master Planning, Strategic Planning, etc.)
- 14 centers need help in Business Operations (Finances, Fundraising, Administration, Reservations, etc)
- 74%
- 53% 10 centers need help in Facilities (Buildings, Grounds, etc.)
- 21% 4 centers need help in Change of Director Leadership
- 32% 6 centers need help with Food Service Leadership
- 37% 7 centers need help with Program Operations (Summer Camp, etc.)
- 32% 6 centers need help with Staffing

Results from Best Practices

I found 85 ways to best practices from the 19 centers, from Board of Directors Governance to Operation Procedures

OTHER SITE VISITS – 2008

Living Waters Ministries – Michi-Lu-Ca

- A Shared Ministry of the Lower Michigan Lutheran Synods and the Diocese of Michigan

Episcopal Church Center – New York City

- 9 Meetings, including
 - Evangelism and Congregational Life
 - Executive Offices of General Convention
 - The Office of Communications
 - Partnership Center
 - Episcopal Relief and Development
 - Episcopal Church Foundation
- Peter Bergstrom also went to New York City
 - Church Insurance Agency
 - Church Pension Group
 - Trinity Church – Wall Street

Episcopal Youth Event – San Antonio

- Event that happens every three years, 900 youth, 400 adults
- I was part of the Pre-Event Team - Hospitality
- Numerous Conversations, including
 - Diocesan Youth Ministry Coordinators – 18
 - Some of which are responsible for Summer Camp
 - 9 are Provincial Youth Ministry Coordinators
 - Bonnie Anderson, President, House of Deputies
 - Episcopal Church Center Staff
- Met Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori