Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

They say nothing much happens at church over the summer. That may be true in some places, but not at GHTC! This summer we’ve continued to worship and we’ve enjoyed each other’s company at Sunday School, which took the form of The Good Book Club. We’ve served food in the soup kitchen and hosted pilgrims from Liverpool. We’ve run a summer camp for children in Belize, assisted with a camp for children right here in Richmond and much more.

Sundays get even more active in the Fall when we return to our full schedule of services, our traditional Sunday School and…breakfast! This transition will happen on September 8.

I want to take a moment to talk about adult education and formation opportunities. Starting this Fall, we will be offering several programs with an online component.

For instance, there will be a group which focuses on ways to live the faith with children, day by day, in the home. This group will receive content via the internet and will also be able to converse with one another through online forums. One Sunday a month, during our regular Sunday School time, members of this group will meet to continue the conversation face to face. Mary Cay Kollmansperger will help guide this group.

The Rev. Michael Cadaret will be offering a Confirmation/Inquirer’s class along these same lines. Online content and discussion will happen during the week and the group will come together periodically on Sunday mornings for further discussion.

I am offering a discussion group on the New Testament with a similar structure, except that the discussion component will happen during the week, once a month. This group is fully subscribed but please contact me anyway if you are interested. I am keeping a waiting list in the event someone drops out. Also, if there is enough interest we might be able to start a second section.

Of course, we will continue to offer the Adult Forum on Sunday mornings as well as a regular Sunday Morning Bible study. These offerings will not have an online component. So we will try some new things along with our tried and true programs. There will be something for every adult!

Another “New Thing” happening this Fall is our Capital Campaign. Please come to the celebration event on Sunday, September 22 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Virginia Historical Society. There is plenty of parking and childcare will be provided at St. Mark’s Church, right next door. Following this kick off event, there will be a number of smaller gatherings throughout October. At these events, you will hear more about the building project and also about the ongoing ministries of the church. You will be given a dual pledge card this year – one for your annual pledge for 2014 and one for the capital campaign. Your annual pledge is most important of course and if you have to choose between the two, this is where you should focus. The capital campaign pledge should come after the regular work of the church has been supported. There are also lots of ways to support the capital campaign through time and talent. Please just contact our leaders, Marshall and Caroline Morton or staff member, Carolyn Chilton and they can help you find the right volunteer opportunity.

I am excited about the Fall! Great things are happening.

Peace,

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At Grace & Holy Trinity Church we strive to do three things:

We build strong disciples.

We build a strong church community.

We serve God and the world God has made.

We are committed to helping individuals become better disciples of Christ Jesus and we believe in the power of community. We also believe that we exist not just for ourselves, but for God and for God’s world. We live out this mission through a variety of ministries represented by the acronym SWEEPPS: Service, Worship, Education, Evangelism, Pastoral Care, Parish Life and Stewardship. You can learn more about these ministries in the newsletter or on the web at www.ghtc.org.
Capital Campaign Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God:
All that you have created is ours through your well beloved Son; in him your love and mercy is shown forth. You have blessed the members of Grace and Holy Trinity Church with a fellowship of caring and a beautiful house of worship. We ask that you continue to guide and strengthen us as we seek to renew our church buildings and our vision of how we can best serve others and our own parish community. Guide us in our work and discernment so that what we do may always be in support of service to you. Lead us as we decide how to use the gifts we have been given and seek the resources we need. Be with the Capital Campaign and Renovation Committees, our Clergy, the church staff, the Vestry, and this congregation as we move forward, that all that we do may be done in the service of mission, and for your glory. We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Cooking for Jesus:
Cooking for Jesus is a program where Grace and Holy Trinity Parishioners cook Sunday night dinner for the Campus Ministry Students. Dinner is served at 6:00 p.m. on Sundays, and Grace and Holy Trinity can reimburse you for your grocery costs.

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up for Cooking For Jesus this fall. The campus ministry students love your home-cooked dinners on Sunday nights and really appreciate your time, energy, and of course, great food!

If you would like to cook dinner for the Campus Ministry students, please contact the Rev. Michael Cadaret. There are dates available for the Spring semester and we are pulling that list together now.

Looking for a way to give back to your community? Help our VCU Students:
Many students at VCU live in off-campus housing and do not have meal plans through the university. Many work part-time jobs while carrying a full load of classes and struggle to make ends meet. Sometimes students fall into food crisis, and have few places to turn for relief. So, GHTC and Campus Ministry are pairing up to implement and run a Food Pantry that will cater to the VCU undergraduate community. THANK YOU to all who have already taken a list! More shopping lists are available at the back of the church. All you need to do is grab one, shop till you drop, and bring the items to church with you next time you come to GHTC! Questions can be directed to Grant Hudson at hudsonhg@vcu.edu or to the Rev. Michael Cadaret. Thank you all for the support!

Welcome to our Campus Ministry Interns for the 2013-2014 school year:
Please welcome Andrea Ramirez, Heather Peterson, Dominique Vines, Justin Davis, and Greg Deekins who will serve on our Campus Ministry Leadership Team. Please congratulate Grant Hudson as he moves into an internship with Service Ministries here at GHTC. Grant will work with Soup Kitchen, the Student Food Pantry and other Outreach efforts. And last but not least, Abby Stinnet and Vicki Ignacio return as our Worship and Music leaders for the 5:00 p.m. worship service.
There are lots of parties this year – am I supposed to come to these? The Capital Campaign Gala Kick Off event, and the smaller congregational events are for everyone at GHTC. You should come to the Gala and at least one of the congregational events in the fall. You may come to more than one if you want! You will have fun, meet friends new and old, have great food and drink, and learn about the exciting things happening at GHTC.

Why should I attend? These events will provide a doorway into the life and mission of this great parish. You’ll hear about what is happening and what our hopes are for the future.
How is my financial gift to the annual campaign used? The 2013 Operating Budget for Grace & Holy Trinity Church is $1,269,000. Our income is comprised of $807,000 in pledges, $144,000 in offerings, sundry income, special gifts and fund-raising and $318,000 in grants from the Endowment Fund. For 2014, our goal for pledged income is $832,000. This income is used for program ministries, administration, office expenses, and building and property needs. Approximately 74% of our budget is spent on our program ministries and the staff that support them. With your generosity and an increase in pledges for 2014, we will be able to increase our program ministries including service to others.

Why I Support the Annual Stewardship Campaign. “I value the culture of Grace and Holy and want to nurture it. Our culture is one of gentleness and giving that embraces a diversity of people and viewpoints. It promotes the right value system by discouraging selfishness and prioritizing compassion and respect for the lives of others. By giving generously to our church, I can help this culture to endure and grow in a world in which it is needed.”
Robin Starr, Chair, 2014 Annual Stewardship Campaign

Should I pledge to both campaigns? Many people will choose to make a financial pledge or gift to both the Annual Stewardship and the Capital Campaigns. If you can make a financial pledge to only one of the campaigns, we ask that it be to the Annual Stewardship Campaign. Why? The Annual Campaign supports our on-going ministries. Even during the Capital Campaign it is vital that our core ministries continue and grow. Your pledge is very important. If you can give to both campaigns, we hope that you will not decrease your annual pledge to give it to the capital campaign. Without your annual support, we cannot continue to offer our current ministries.

How do I make my financial pledge to GHTC this year? This year, our Annual Stewardship Campaign and the Capital Campaign are running simultaneously. You will receive your pledge cards at the fall congregational events. They will not be mailed to you as in previous years. At these fall events, you will be given the opportunity to fill out your pledge cards and put them in a sealed envelope. Or if you prefer, you can take the pledge cards with you and mail them to the church by November 10. If you are not able to attend one of the fall events, a member of the parish will call or visit you with the pledge cards. Online pledging is available this year at www.ghtc.givingtools.org

How do I pledge and make payments this year? You may do this as in the past through regular pledge cards (which you’ll receive at the fall events). You can make your payments on Sundays or by mail. This year the pledge cards are available at www.ghtc.givingtools.org. New this year is online payment using credit and debit cards and e-pay through your bank. This is available through the website or contact Judy Bowman or Carolyn Chilton in the office with your questions and for help.

How can I give time and talents? These gifts are vital to our mission. There is an A-Z Directory on the website and in the front hallway that explains our many programs and gives you contact information. We need lots of volunteers for the Capital Campaign too – be in touch with Caroline and Marshall Morton or Carolyn Chilton.

Where can I get more information? Visit www.ghtc.givingtools.org or call any member of the church staff. You may also contact Robin Starr, who is the Chair of our Annual Stewardship Campaign or Caroline and Marshall Morton, Chairs of the Capital Campaign,

Thank you for making a pledge to Grace and Holy Trinity Church for 2013. Your pledge helps make so much possible. We help people with prescription costs, we feed the hungry, we provide camps for children, we worship together, and we celebrate our life together. Your gifts are an outward and visible sign of your faith and love of God. Thank you for opening your heart to God’s call. Thank you for being here and for going out into the world with God’s love.
Soup Kitchen: Hospitality is a two-way street

Soup Kitchen re-opens after its August vacation on Friday, September 6th. We're here every Friday and invite everyone to join us in this work.

Each Friday, a dedicated core of volunteers shows up to prepare and serve a meal to whoever shows up. The volunteers include retirees, long-time parishioners, VCU students, and sometimes families from the parish including their children. They are a diverse group that mirrors our congregation and community. The "whoever shows up" most often includes the homeless, the transient, those recently released from incarceration or residential treatment facilities, day laborers, those who live in rooming houses, the mentally ill and addicted, and undocumented persons from other countries. They are fragile, vulnerable, and potentially volatile population.

And yet, these very different groups greet one another with smiles. For those serving, it may be a challenge to see the face of God's beloved initially, and their smiles and welcomes may be hard to muster. Such awkwardness is short-lived. For those being served, those smiles and welcomes may be strange and received with skepticism because they may be the only gracious greetings they ever receive. Such skepticism is difficult to overcome, but with time it fades, and new smiles show a growing trust and sense of safety. This two-way hospitality is what separates the Soup Kitchen at GHTC from so many other places. We hear it over and over again – "you're nice to us." We experience it over and over again – gratitude and warmth and friendship.

Working with this population takes patience, flexibility, good humor, and a love for God's children that empowers one to "respect the dignity of every human being". And, you never know what might happen. What do our volunteers do when "what might happen" does? They continue serving and smiling, comforting and encouraging our guests. And, they keep coming back to serve this fragile, vulnerable and potentially volatile population with warmth and patience and humor and humility.

Maybe you have time to enter into these interactions and do this work some Fridays. We'd love to have you join us to welcome and serve our friends and neighbors, and you may well love the welcome our "guests" offer you to be a small part of their lives.

In addition, over the past few years, the volunteers at Soup Kitchen have also been distributing donated clothing, toiletries, and other personal items. Please consider make donations of these items; lightly used clothing is welcome (but we prefer NEW socks and undergarments).

Other Upcoming Service Opportunities:

CARITAS (Congregations Around Richmond Involved To Assure Shelter) serves as the first line of community support for anyone in need of emergency shelter. Over 185 participating congregations provide shelter, food, and necessities on a weekly basis to individuals and families in need of immediate assistance. It is the largest and most inclusive shelter in Richmond. CARITAS fills an alarming gap in the shelter system by reaching segments of the population ineligible for any other program: adults facing addictions, families with fathers, large families, and families with adolescent sons. It provides the support, training, and material assistance necessary to break the cycle of homelessness and restore stable, productive lives.

For many years at GHTC, we have provided hospitality daily for at least 8 weeks, serving as an intake site where clients check-in and are met by transportation to their shelter sites. We will once again take on this ministry, and in fact, we are doubling our commitment to 16 weeks of service, beginning Saturday, October 19th and ending on Friday, February 21st. The hours will be from about 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.

The work of volunteers in this ministry is simple: make coffee, put out refreshments, visit with clients, and help clean up afterwards. This is an easy opportunity to commit to regular service of the most vulnerable in our community. More information will be made available in upcoming communications.
Grants and 1618 Fund:
Did you know that since 2005, GHTC has awarded over $800,000 to agencies in the greater Richmond area? Historically, GHTC has funded grants through the program budget and monies granted from the Trustees of the Endowment. These grants have been awarded broadly to agencies in the community assisting in such areas as elder care, family case management, crisis management, food and other basic needs, health care, homeless services, and youth enrichment. The 1618 Fund distributes grants specifically to agencies that work in the area of early childhood development.

During Breakfast and the Adult Formation hour on Sunday, September 15th, we will welcome representatives from several of the agencies that GHTC has supported over the years. They will have information tables set up, and you will be able to inquire about their many and diverse ministries and explore volunteer opportunities. Please join us in welcoming our partners.

Stuff you could donate
Non-perishable food
With no promotion whatsoever, the Service Ministry bin in the back hallway quietly fills with donated non-perishable food. When it’s full, we send this on to the Central Virginia Food Bank. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you, whoever you are that brings the food in. The Central Virginia Food Bank brings hunger relief to 31 counties and five cities through a comprehensive approach that includes acquiring needed foods and distributing these items to communities, families, and individuals that need them to meet their unique needs. Through targeted programs designed to address specific hunger challenges, CVFB also works to ensure that our region’s most vulnerable populations—children, families, and seniors—have access to a reliable source of healthy nutrition.

Grocery Store Gift Cards are a very convenient way for Michael and the rest of the staff to address emergency need for food, particularly with the holidays approaching. Please consider picking up a few (in denominations of $25 or smaller) to donate to Service Ministries.

Your Prayers
The need we encounter everyday is overwhelming. Whether we are confronted by those who panhandle and hold signs on street corners, or the sight of the poor sleeping in parks and alleyways and in transitional or transient housing, the need is greater than we are able to adequately answer. At GHTC, we try hard to be as responsive and generous as is possible, and still we know that we can’t help everyone. When faced with this inadequacy, the Christian turns to God for solace and strength, mercy and hope. So please, pray for the poor and those whom it would be easy to forget and for those who work to relieve the suffering of those less fortunate than we.

Special Announcement for our Senior Adult Members
GHTC has had a partnership with the Shepherd’s Center for several years. You can visit them on the web at this address: http://www.tscor.org/. This Center offers services by, for and to seniors. They have an open university with a number of interesting classes and they sponsor special trips. The Center can also arrange for simple home repairs and provide transportation to and from doctor’s appointments. We support the Center financially and also through volunteers. Currently six GHTC members volunteer at the Center. Recently we received a very nice thank you note from Julie Adams-Buchanan, who is the Coordinator of Personal Services at the Center. She writes, “I am writing to thank you for your church’s contribution of volunteers to our organization. They have been vital in fulfilling our mission to assist older folks in our community to continue living in their own homes… What an extraordinary bunch of people (the GHTC volunteers are)!” If you would like to volunteer or if you would like to use the Center’s services, please call 355-7282.

The GHTC Bus Goes to and from Westminster Canterbury on Sundays
If you’d like to know the schedule and how to join in, please call Barbara Hobson-Simpson in the church office (359-5628) or send her an e-mail Barbara@ghtc.org.
It’s time to sign up for Foyer Groups

At Grace and Holy Trinity Church the purpose of our Foyer Groups is to promote Christian fellowship throughout the parish. They are informal groups of parishioners who get together every 4-6 weeks to enjoy each other’s company. There is no agenda or plan- it’s a time for fellowship that often involves food!

For 2013-14 you can choose from these groups:

- Dinner at Home — 8-12 adults, couples and singles, who meet in each others homes.
- Young Adult’s – for 20’s and 30’s single or married, who meet where ever!
- Restaurant Hop — 8-12 adults, couples and singles, who meets only at local restaurants.
- Walk the Dog – meet a neighbor for two legged and four legged exercise. (You can also stop for coffee!)

Do you have an idea for a different group? Send it to Carolyn Chilton and we’ll try to make it happen!

The groups are put together randomly to encourage fellowship throughout the parish and to help us get to know those whom we might not otherwise have a chance to meet. We limit the size to about twelve.

Groups are now forming and will begin in October. Contact Carolyn Chilton in the church office to sign up.

Fall Parish Retreat at Shrine Mont

We will be going to Shrine Mont, in the Shenandoah Valley, for our annual fall parish retreat October 4-6. Spaces are available on the waiting list for this weekend of fun, fellowship and lots of food! We are hopeful to be able to find spaces for everyone on the waiting list. For more information contact Jean Hershey or Carolyn Chilton. You can register online.

The Monday Night Book Group meets on the 3rd Monday evening of every month in member’s homes. We meet from 7:00-8:30 p.m. and enjoy conversation, snacks and drinks. We read a wide selection of books covering religion, spirituality, relationships and much more. For September 16 we are reading Richard Rohr’s Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life. We’d love to have you join us. Contact Carolyn Chilton to learn more and to sign up.

Lean In Circle

The GHTC Monday Night Book Group read Sheryl Sandberg’s book Lean In: Women, Work and the Will to Lead in June, and some members have now formed a Lean In Circle. The group meets on the first Wednesday evening of the month at various homes. You are invited to join this group, to enjoy libations and to share strategies for getting the most from your career, while maintaining the work/life balance that you desire. Please contact Katherine Kelly or Suzanne Davenport if you are interested. If you want to know more about Lean In Circles, read Sheryl Sandberg’s book, or watch one of her videos.

ORGAN RECITAL

Beth Melcher Davis will perform an organ recital on Sunday, November 10 at 4:00 p.m. at historic Hungars Episcopal Church in Bridgetown, Virginia. The church was established in 1623 and is located in Northampton County in the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia on the Eastern Shore. Beth will perform on the new Holtkamp pipe organ, which was dedicated on Palm Sunday 2013, as part of the inaugural concert series. Please invite family and friends to this organ concert!
Youth Calendar

September 8 – Confirmation and Youth Sunday School Begin!
October 6 – Youth BBQ and Campfire at the River
November 3 – Fall Family Fun Day
November 8 – Senior High Weekend at Shrine Mont
December 8 – Youth Holiday Party

Children and Families
September is here and we are looking forward to welcoming our youngest parishioners back into the Sunday School hallway! We have a terrific year planned and are looking forward to kicking things off.

Fall highlights include:

- *Blessing of the Backpacks* – Sunday, September 8 at the 8:45 Service
- *1st Day of Sunday School* – September 8
- *New Godly Play Program Begins* – September 8
- *Fall Family Fun Day* – November 3
- *Christmas Pageant* – December 15

Children’s Education
This year our children’s Christian Education curriculum is Weaving God’s Promises. It is a three-year Christian education program for children ages 3 (preschool) to 11-12 (5th-6th grade). *Weaving God’s Promises* was developed and written exclusively for the Episcopal Church and is designed to teach children the way of Christ, not only in the church but also in the world.

*Weaving God’s Promises* provides children with basic knowledge of Church teachings in the three elements essential to the practice of our faith: Christian education, Worship, and Service.

In addition to its focus on the great stories of the Bible, this curriculum incorporates special themes including:

- Church seasons - lessons on Advent, Epiphany, Lent and Easter are included at the beginning of their respective seasons
- Special holidays and feast days - Lessons for these days are placed at the beginning of the seasons in which the dates fall
- The church and its sacraments - Lessons cover the Anglican and Episcopal faith tradition, including the church, its ministries and the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Mary Cay Kollmansperger.
BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

On Sunday, September 29, GHTC is partnering with the Richmond SPCA to present our annual “Blessing of the Animals.” As autumn arrives, a procession of animals, everything from dogs and cats to hamsters, is led to churches or a special ceremony called the Blessing of The Animals. This custom is conducted in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi’s love for all creatures.

GHTC is very excited to announce our fifth Blessing of the Animals! The service will take place outside, rain or shine and will include a blessing of the pets. So, bring your pet with you to church and invite your friends and their pets to come as well. Be sure to stick around after the service for refreshments, kids crafts, the Tail Wag’N mobile adoption unit and more!

Sunday Schedule including Worship

We return to our Fall and Winter Schedule on Sunday September 8. Here are the details:

7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I in the chapel

8:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II in the church. (This service is designed to be especially inclusive of children and enjoys the ministry of our intergenerational 8:45 Music Team)

9:15 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. Hot breakfast is served. A reasonable contribution is requested.

10:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

11:00 a.m. Worship in the church, usually Holy Eucharist but once a month, typically on the second Sunday we offer Daily Morning Prayer. (This service enjoys the participation of our wonderful Adult Choir.)

5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II in the chapel. This service enjoys leadership by students from Virginia Commonwealth University and is followed by a home cooked meal.

6:00 p.m. Dinner fellowship

Mid-Week Worship

Please gather at St. Mark’s Church at 520 North Boulevard on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. for a contemplative service of Evening Prayer. This beautiful service includes the laying on of hands with prayers for healing.
THANK YOU SUMMER MUSICIANS!
Thank you to all the singers and instrumentalists who enriched our summer worship services. We are blessed to have such musical talent at Grace & Holy Trinity!

COME AND JOIN A CHOIR OR 8:45 MUSIC TEAM!
If you like to sing, or play an instrument, please join one of our choirs or the 8:45 Music Team at Grace & Holy Trinity! Everyone is welcome to join. Previous musical experience is not necessary.

ANGEL CHOIR
The Angel Choir is for children from preschool through third grade. This choir rehearses from 10:45-11:00 a.m. on Sundays in room 8A, beginning on Sunday, September 8, and is directed by Mary Holman. The Angel Choir sings monthly at the 8:45 a.m. worship service.

ADULT CHOIR
The Adult Choir rehearses on Thursdays from 7:30-9:30 p.m. beginning on Thursday, September 5. Youth in high school are welcome to join the adult choir. This choir sings weekly at the 11:00 a.m. worship service and for special worship services throughout the year.

8:45 MUSIC TEAM
The 8:45 Music Team is comprised of singers and instrumentalists of all ages. They lead the music weekly at the 8:45 a.m. worship service. The 8:45 Music Team rehearses on Sundays at 8:00 a.m. They will begin rehearsals on Sunday, September 8. If you are interested in joining a choir or the 8:45 Music Team, please contact Beth Melcher Davis at (804) 359-5628, ext. 18, or e-mail her at emelcherdavis@ghtc.org. Come and make a joyful noise to the Lord with us!

VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY JAZZ COMBO
Saturday, October 26, 7:30 p.m.
The Virginia Commonwealth University Jazz Combo, coordinated by Professor Antonio Garcia, will perform a mixture of tunes from across musical styles in this lively program. Blues, ballads, bebop, and Latin jazz are all part of the tradition of jazz; this ensemble approaches each with enthusiasm. Please invite your family and friends to this opening concert in our series!

Lay Eucharistic Visitors
You may notice from time to time, at the end of communion, that someone comes to the altar and receives a small box. This box contains a communion set along with bread and wine that has been consecrated at the service. The person receiving the communion elements is a “Lay Eucharistic Visitor” and they have been trained in the parish and licensed by the Bishop to take communion from a service to those who cannot join the community. It is similar to being a chalice bearer, except the Lay Eucharistic Visitor leaves the premises to administer the elements. They are sent forth with these words: “In the name of God and of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. We who are many are one because we share one cup and one bread.”

Facing Life Transitions with Faith
The Pastoral Care Team is sponsoring two presentations as a part of the Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Adult Forum. These presentations and conversations, will be led by Mimi Weaver from GraceMoves. The topic is “Facing Life Transitions with Faith.” The first forum will be on October 20 and the second on November 3. The only thing constant about life are the changes! Whether it is growing old, dealing with the death of loved ones or watching the nest empty after years of intense childrearing, transitions come with blessings and challenges. This informative series will help us all bring our faith into the mix.

A Member of the clergy is on-call, 24 hours a day, every day. Please call the Rev. Bo Millner’s number at the church (359-5628 ext 17) to learn who is on call and how to reach them.
The Episcopal Diocese of Virginia announces exciting details about the upcoming conference on Food Sustainability. Read more at the website and speak to Jane Abbott for more details.

Michael Rodemeyer to Speak at the SoCC Agriculture Conference - September 21, 2013

When genetic engineering has such highly touted potential, why is it that so much of what we read concerns “super-weeds” and patenting by corporations of new GMOs resistant to the powerful herbicides now needed to control super-weeds? Why, too, is there still so much resistance when scientific studies show a GM crop is safe? These are among the questions that Michael Rodemeyer examined in depth as Executive Director of the Pew Initiative on Food and Biotechnology. The Stewardship of Creation Committee is pleased that Michael will be sharing his insights on these and related issues at its 2013 Interfaith Conference.


Location: Church of Our Saviour, Charlottesville, Virginia
Date: Saturday, September 21, 2013: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m

Registration Deadline: Sunday, September 15, 2013

Registration Fee: $25 per person; $20 per person for multiple attendees from the same church. Fee includes a “sustainable” lunch and access to all program presentation materials. Follow either of the links below to register:
http://caringforgodscreation.net/Events/EventView.asp?EventID=31663
http://www.thediocese.net/Events/EventView.asp?EventID=2416