



Good News

VALLE CRUCIS CONFERENCE CENTER • SUMMER 2001

DEEPLY ROOTED ON SACRED GROUND

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

“To forget how to dig the earth and tend the soil is to forget ourselves.”

—Mahatma Gandhi

Recently I was digging in the freshly plowed garden area that we use to supply our kitchen with fresh summer vegetables. As I busily planted tomatoes, peppers, squash, cucumbers, pumpkins and watermelons, this quote came to my mind over and over again. My hands were full of rich soil as I tenderly dug and planted an assortment of these small seeds. I reflected on the relationship of our own human well-being with the well-being of the earth. What an awesome privilege God has given us to

care for this amazing creation. From the beginning, it is clear that we are of the earth and to this day, our very life depends upon it. Just as a small seed depends on the soil, the rain, and the care of human hands in order to grow and bear fruit, our human lives depend on the health of the earth in order for us to live healthy lives.

One of our continuing and always important responsibilities here is to be good stewards of this wonderful piece of creation known as the Valle Crucis Conference Center. As many of you know, we are not just an assortment of buildings and barns. We are very much a place. The beautiful acres of land that surround us here are important because of their ecological value to this and the larger community. This place is also important because of its historical value to the Episcopal Church and to this region.

Our Board and Long Range Planning Committee are currently exploring what goals we need to set and accomplish to be the responsible stewards God has called us to be. We do this planning discerning what is unique to our mission and what is really important and valuable about the Valle Crucis Conference Center. We do not want to forget ourselves by forgetting what it means to dig in this sacred earth that has nourished so many people in our 159 year history in this very special place. Our ancestors knew the importance of this earth and this place. We are looking to the future but keeping our feet firmly planted in the rich soil of the past. It is our belief that our roots will help us grow and thrive in ways that are in true harmony with creation.

—Tom Eshelman, Executive Director

Our Special thanks to these individuals & organizations for their generosity in giving to the Center in recent months.

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Episcopal Foundation of Western North Carolina
 to help re-roof the Inn and the Apple Barn

APPLE BARN RESTORATION FUND

Diana Mast White
 In honor of the marriage of Mary Willis and John Goodrich
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OTHER GIFTS

Book for library by Sally Hatch and Gary Swartz
 Red Maple tree by the EYC Spring Conference
 Archival scrapbooks by Diana Mast White
 Books for library by Diana Mast White
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 Youth Group from All Saint's Episcopal Church in
 Winter Park FL painted the "Red Glovier Barn" and picked
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**"We make a living by what we get,
 but we make a life of what we give."**

—Winston Churchill

Archives Over the past few months I have been going through the many boxes of old records and papers we have and putting them all in sheet protectors and then trying to file them in some kind of order. I now have most of them catalogued by year and where there is a mention of a particular student's last name they are catalogued by alphabet and year. If you are interested in finding records of a particular student, please let me know and I will see what I can find. My goal is to have this project finished by the end of 2001.

It's never too early to start thinking snow and skiing. Book early to be assured of a spot. While the Martin Luther King weekend is already sold out at this time, we do have some space available for President's Weekend, February 15-18, 2002 and other openings throughout the ski season. Keep in mind that the few weeks before Christmas and the month of March offer the best values at VCCC and at the slopes.

We would like to thank the EYC of our Diocese for the wonderful gift of a red maple tree which they planted in our front yard during their Spring Conference in March. The theme for this year's conference under the leadership of David McNair and the Youth Council was "When I grow up, I want to be a tree..."

There are always many opportunities for giving around the Conference Center. Of course you can always give to our regular fund, Apple Barn fund, rocking chair fund but how about trying one of the following opportunities: purchase 2 new benches for our pond at \$150 each or 2 benches for our outdoor labyrinth at \$150 each or a willow

tree for our pond at \$150 each or buy a new double bed for room 101 in the Inn at \$800 or you could sponsor one of the two first floor bedrooms in the Farm House for only \$2,000 which would completely redecorate those rooms with new beds, couches, lamps, drapes, ceiling fans and end tables or maybe you would like to help us purchase some trees for the area in front of the Inn (to hide the Church parking lot) or some trees for the hillside behind the Inn. As you can see, we can think up many ways for you to help us out with your donations. Large or small we appreciate them all.

This summer the North American Academy of Piping and Drumming under the leadership of Sandy Jones returned to the mountains for their 30th year. The pipe school started at Crossnore School in 1971 and then, about 5 years later, moved to the Conference Center where it has been ever since. Instructors for the school come from all over America and Canada and are known to be the finest in piping. We welcome these wonderful men, women and youth who have done so much for VCCC.

To help our guests better find their way to our outdoor labyrinth, cross country walking/running trail and Hunt Hill trail we have added signs in the hayfield.

Our sincere thanks go to the Episcopal Foundation of Western North Carolina for their truly generous grant which, along with funds that we have collected, will help us to re-roof the Inn and the Apple Barn in August. We are truly blessed to be a part of this wonderful Diocese which shares its resources so generously with those of us in need.

BITS & PIECES



Conference Center Board at annual retreat



Come walk one of our labyrinths...



Our new pond takes shape off Dutch Creek



Youth group from All Saint's Episcopal Church in Winter Park, Florida paint the "Glover Barn" as a service project

Our Heritage

Procession of Saints

In his infinite wisdom and compassion, Almighty God has sent strong apostles to this beautiful valley to plant His Church and to minister to His people. Among a long procession of faithful servants from 1842 to the present day, two stand out from the others: Brother William West Skiles and Father Anthony.

The Rev. William West Skiles, the first missionary to the Valley of the Cross, has recently been honored by our Diocese with a yearly liturgical observance on December 8 in every Parish, Mission and Conference Center, with the hope that this observance will in the future be included in the national calendar of the Episcopal Church. A short biography of this local saint follows:



WILLIAM WEST SKILES

Deacon, Monk and Missionary, 1862

The first person in the Anglican Communion since the English Reformation to persevere in the dedicated life under the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, William West Skiles was born October 12, 1807, on a farm in eastern North Carolina. Young Skiles grew up in an Episcopal family before there was a Diocese or a Bishop. As a young adult he became a successful farmer and overseer of a lumber mill.

In 1842 the Rt. Rev. Levi Silliman Ives, the second Bishop of North Carolina, held services in a valley of the Blue Ridge Mountains, which he later named "Valle Crucis" (from the shape of a cross formed by the three creeks flowing into the valley). He established a mission to spread the Gospel, to teach agriculture, and to train clergy for the Diocese. In 1844 William West Skiles, at 37 years old, known to be simple, kind, and to have sound practical judgement, was appointed to oversee the mission farm and livestock, and to teach such skills to boys enrolled in the school. In 1847 Bishop Ives encouraged the mission to form themselves into a religious community, taking the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, with the Rev. William G. French as superior. Skiles, impressed by the religious life of the mission, took the vows, and also prepared himself for holy orders. On August 1 of the same year he was ordained to the Diaconate. For two years the community flourished: Prayer Book offices were said daily, there were eight men preparing for holy orders, missions were formed at Upper Watauga, Lower Watauga and Valle Crucis, mountain people were strengthened by the reverence of the liturgy and, unable to read, loved to hear the scriptures read aloud. A school was established to teach the children the catechism as well as reading and writing.

As successful as the mission was, and as sincere the devotion of the brothers was, there was dissension within the diocese between the bishop and those who believed the rumors that the Valle Crucis community was a "hotbed for Romanism" (the chief objection being the use of sacramental confession). In 1849 the Bishop, suffering from mental instability, dissolved the Valle Crucis religious community, and the diocese cut off all support. The superior and the brothers left, leaving only Brother Skiles, the faithful deacon and shepherd, who could not abandon his scattered flock.

For thirteen years Brother Skiles was indeed the shepherd to the mountain people. He walked or rode on horseback, often in severe weather, over a thousand miles a year, from Wilkesboro to Asheville, to preach the Gospel, to lead Prayer book services, to minister to the sick (he had learned rudimentary medical skills from a brother who had been a medical student), to read and answer letters for those unable to do either, to explain legal documents and settle disputes, to pray with his beloved flock, and to teach the catechism.

He continued to live in poverty, never married, and gave his obedience to his Bishop and to the priests who came to administer the sacraments.

He delighted in the growth of the mission on the Lower Watauga River and aspired to help the faithful to build their own chapel. With contributions of labor, lumber and small financial gifts,

he designed and supervised the construction of a simple, but architecturally beautiful chapel, dedicated to St. John the Baptist. On August 22, 1862, Bishop Atkinson consecrated the chapel, with Brother Skiles taking his part in the glorious liturgy. The holy desire of his heart had been granted, but failing health did not permit him to enter this fair and lovely chapel again. He died of cancer on December 8, 1862. His remains were buried near the entrance to the crown of his ministry, Church of the St. John the Baptist.

In his tribute to Brother Skiles at the Diocesan Convention the following spring, Bishop Atkinson stated, "He was loved and honored for his humility, self-denial, diligence, affectionate temper towards his fellow men, and his unwearied zeal in the services of his Master."

On Sunday July 1, 2001 The Rte. Rev. Robert H. Johnson, Bishop of the Diocese of Western North Carolina presided over the rededication of a new headstone marking the grave of this remarkable man of God at St. John the Baptist church on the lower Watauga River.

FATHER ANTHONY

In 1917 the Rev. Lee Frontis Anthony of Lincoln County was sent to Valle Crucis to serve as deacon-in-charge of the Holy Cross Mission. He was ordained to the priesthood the following year, just as the dreadful influenza epidemic was taking its toll with the lives of the mountain people. With the absence of antibiotics and with full awareness that he could easily contract this often fatal disease, he ministered to his infected flock, going in and out of their cabins, caring for their needs, splitting firewood, helping with farm work, cooking food, and strengthening them with prayers and the sacrament. On Christmas night, 1918, at the age of 30, Father Anthony developed a high fever and died on January 5, 1919, the eve of Epiphany. The entire community mourned the death of their selfless and beloved shepherd.

The following memorial was written by a representative committee of the Holy Cross Mission and unanimously approved by the congregation into the mission's records:

"The members of the Holy Cross Chapel desire to express their keen sorrow in the death of their beloved Priest, Lee Frontis Anthony, and desire to express their profound sympathy with his family to whom his death has brought sorrow and bereavement.

We can best express our sympathy by putting on record our sense of personal loss in the death of one whose cheerful

fellowship, and devoted loyalty were characteristic of his service as a priest in this Mission.

We love to think of the gracious impression he has made on the hearts of all with whom he came in contact and we regard it as a special privilege to have known so devout and loyal a Christian man, genial in friendship, and unusually gifted in his ability to go in and out among his people.

His cheery smile brightened those in sorrow as well as those who were strong to enjoy.

We bow in submission to the Mighty Hand of our All-wise Father.

May he rest in peace."

Feb. 7, 1919 signed:

Mary Horner, Nellie E. Tester,
Susie Taylor

The committee consisted of Miss Horner, principle of the Valle Crucis School, "Aunt Nellie" Tester, as she was known to local families, and "Susie" Taylor at age 19 or 20, who later was know as Sue Taylor Murray, a strong leader in the church and community throughout her long life.

Simultaneously the school's news publication included the following as its lead article:

"Word comes announcing the death of the Rev. Lee Frontis Anthony who died in Valle Crucis. This is a sad and terrible loss to the school and to the whole community. His loving sympathy and untiring zeal in ministering to the many individuals and whole families in the fearful epidemic of influenza have endeared him to

everyone. He has served his people without fear day and night. His death has cast a gloom that will be hard to throw off, for he was loved by his people as but few are privileged to be loved. He was pure and lovely in life, a faithful and true friend, and a pastor who loved his work and his people. He was sick only a few days with influenza and pneumonia and died on Sunday morning January 5, 1919."

The impact of Father Anthony's sacrifice is felt even today in Valle Crucis. At least two babies were named for him: Edward Frontis Tester, son of Duke and Nettie Tester and brother of Jean Tester Herman and the late Rev. Welch Tester, and Frontis Davis, son of James and Bessie Davis. Many residents now in their sixties and seventies remember their parents speaking about his ministry with reverence and sincere gratitude. The brass cross and candlesticks on the altar today at Holy Cross Church were given to the Glory of God in grateful memory of the Rev. Lee Frontis Anthony.

—Ralph Tilden

The Rev. Lee Frontis Anthony photo courtesy of Reba Herman Chapman





PROGRAMS 2001

JULY THRU DECEMBER

VALLE CRUCIS CONFERENCE CENTER

AT THE HISTORIC MISSION SCHOOL

*Join us for one or more of these programs
being offered here at the Center.
You can come away for a day of quiet or
a longer workshop.*

THE SECOND ANNUAL WRITERS GATHERING

July 29 - August 3, 2001



This Gathering brings together writers of varying ability levels and inspiring and dedicated teachers whose love of writing is contagious. This five day event brings community and nurture to the creative spirit and fosters fearlessness in the often-daunting face of writing. This years writers will include Robert Morgan, author of *Gap Creek*; Judy Goldman, author of *The Slow Way Back*; Jannisse Ray, author of *Ecology of a Cracker Childhood*; Anne Turkle, a professor of creative writing at Warren Wilson College and Anthony Abbott, a poet and professor of English at Davidson College. The writers will lead workshops, classes and discussions. Our web site is www.southlandsinstitute.com or you may e-mail us at workshops@southlandsinstitute.com for further information or you may request a brochure by calling 828.433.6818. The Valle Crucis Writers Gathering is sponsored by the Southlands Institute and the Valle Crucis Conference Center.

Cost: \$675 which includes 5 nights lodging, all meals, and workshops.

STUDIO WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP WITH NOYES CAPHEART LONG

August 9 - August 12, 2001

In this 3 day studio workshop, Noyes will present an entry level watercolor workshop. Noyes, a retired art professor (Appalachian State University/ 1969-97) is an experienced watercolorist in both traditional and non-traditional methods. Noyes will acquaint you with the process through demonstrations and one-on-one contact. This will be the third consecutive summer workshop Noyes has offered at the Center. Space will be limited to 12 persons, so interested persons are advised to register early. The workshop will start after dinner on Thursday and finish on Sunday morning prior to services at Holy Cross Church. Upon registration all participants will be sent a supply list.

Cost: \$180 includes 3 nights lodging, all meals and workshops (this does not include materials). Limited commuter space available at \$120). Class size is limited to 12.

"More things are wrought by prayer than this world of dreams."

—Tennyson



LABYRINTH BUILDING RETREAT: PLAY AND PRAY ON THE LABYRINTH

August 13-16, 2001

Facilitators: Jaan Ferree and Tom Eshelman

The labyrinth is an ancient spiritual tool for centering and prayer. During this retreat we will explore the history of labyrinths and walk the three types of labyrinths currently available at the Conference Center. Participants will also have the opportunity to construct an outdoor labyrinth on the center grounds. There will be free time available for journaling, hiking and reflection.

Cost: \$225 which includes 3 nights lodging, all meals and workshop materials. Limited commuter space available at \$200

A WEEKEND WITH THE PROPHET JEREMIAH

"Like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, says the Lord"

August 24-26, 2001

Facilitator - The Rev. Brian Suntken

The prophet Jeremiah lived during a time of tremendous change and conflict. His words of warning and of hope were rejected by his people. And yet, in the face of persecution he continued to proclaim the "Word of the Lord." Over the course of three days, participants will examine and reflect on Jeremiah's call to ministry, his lamentations over God's people, his use of metaphor in proclamation, and his vision of hope for the future. How do the experiences of Jeremiah relate to my life? Does the prophet's voice still speak today? Can I find the hope in the message of this prophet who lived in the seventh century BCE? Where is God calling me to ministry? These and many other questions will be explored over the course of the weekend. Brian, the Vicar of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church in Morresville NC, is a gifted teacher who makes the Bible come alive in our day and time.

Cost : \$135 which includes 2 nights lodging, all meals, and workshops. Limited commuter space available at \$110. Class size is limited so please register early!

CLUTTER CLEARING: MAKING SPACE FOR GOD

September 14-16, 2001
Facilitator - Jaan Ferree

Clutter is stuck energy, energy that has far reaching effects physically, mentally, emotionally and spirituality. In this retreat we will examine the real reasons for clutter, and discover useful suggestions for clearing away those blocks. You can then create an environment which inspires you and sustains your inward journey.

Cost : \$160 which includes 2 nights lodging,
all meals, and workshops.
Limited commuter space available at \$135.
Class size is limited so please register early!

ART AS PRAYER A BENEDICTINE RETREAT

September 16- September 21, 2001
Facilitator - The Rev. Elizabeth Canham, D.Min.

This retreat will explore creativity in the context of a Benedictine rhythm of prayer, worship, silence, community and rest. You do not have to be an artist to participate in this event which will include workshops on painting, clay, journaling, poetry and music. This program will start at 5 PM on Sunday and go through noon on Friday.

Cost: \$795 which includes 5 nights lodging, all meals,
workshops and tuition.
All inquiries for this retreat should be directed to:
Stillpoint Ministries, 51 Laurel Lane,
Black Mountain, NC, 828-669-0606, Stilpnt@aol.com

CREATIVITY UNBOUND: DISCOVERING WHAT YOU THOUGHT YOU'D LOST

October 7-12, 2001
Facilitators - Olivia Woodford (Founder of the
Healing Theatre); Dr. Elizabeth Rose; and the
staff of Southlands Institute

A week of questioning, taking risks, imagining and exploring new ways of thinking and being. Through painting, theater and music the inner artist who often goes unheeded in our harried lives is encouraged to emerge and a creative spark ignited. Play, a willingness to trust and follow impulse and imagination, opens us to the mysterious process of creativity. Our web site is www.southlandsinstitute.com or you may e-mail us at workshops@southlandsinstitute.com for further information or you may request a brochure by calling 828.433.6818. Creativity Unbound is sponsored by the Southlands Institute and the Valle Crucis Conference Center.

Cost: \$675 which includes 5 nights lodging,
all meals and workshops.

"Don't change a thing!"

—Sharon Ladd, Holy Cross Columbiettes

EXPLORING THE SACRED SELF THROUGH THE ART OF THE MANDALA

October 26-28, 2001
Instructors: Laura Lanier and Dorrie Pratt

Discover your innate talents for creativity, spirituality and healing in the third year for this popular workshop. Mandala is the Sanskrit word for "sacred circle". Mandalas have been used for thousands of years as a method for facilitating the integration and healing of the mind, body and spirit. In a loving, safe and supportive environment, you will learn to use simple tools to produce these luminous symbols of healing. No art experience is necessary. The labyrinth will also be available as an additional tool for meditation and prayer throughout the weekend. Laura Lanier and Dorrie Pratt are members of Grace Episcopal Church in Asheville. Their talents have contributed to many parish projects, and both are active seekers on a spiritual path.

Cost: \$175 (includes all materials, 2 nights lodging
and all meals)
Limited commuter space available: \$125.
Class size is limited to 12.

PROGRAM DAY: WITH OUR LABYRINTH

Monday, October 29, 2001 / 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Facilitator: Tom Eshelman

Spend a day walking our labyrinth and learning more about this fascinating tool for meditation and prayer.
Cost \$35 (includes lunch)

OPEN LABYRINTH WALKS AT THE APPLE BARN

Sunday, September 30, 2001
7:00 - 8:30 PM
Sunday, October 28, 2001
1:00 - 2:30 PM and 6:00 - 7:30 PM

All walks are in the Apple Barn and are free and open to all walkers. Donations are gratefully accepted.

NEW YEAR'S EVE LABYRINTH RETREAT

What better place to be on New Year's Eve than walking our labyrinth with other spiritual seekers. In 2001 we even went sledding at 12:30 AM on freshly fallen snow. This year's retreat will start on Saturday, December 29, 2001 and end after breakfast on Tuesday, January 1, 2002. Your facilitators will be Jaan Ferree and Tom Eshelman. Last year's retreat was a sell out so we suggest early registration for this popular annual event.

Cost: \$225 which includes 3 nights lodging, all meals,
workshops and materials.
Deposit: \$50 due upon registration.
6 commuter spaces available at \$200



Scholarships

If you wish to apply for a limited number of scholarships which are offered for some of our programs please call for more information.

"We especially liked the fireplace and how the fire was already laid and ready to light – the kitchen staff was great."

—Terri Chester,
ASU Women's Center

GENERAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

• **Class Size:** We are committed to keeping our class size small as we believe it is in the small group environment that learning and spirituality flourish. Because class sizes are kept small, classes fill quickly. Early registration is encouraged!

• **Price and Room Policies:** Listed prices for programs include room, board, tuition and materials. Most accommodations are double, triple or quadruple occupancy. If you prefer a single room, we will try to accommodate you though we cannot guarantee this until check-in when the final availability of single rooms can be determined. Please notify VCCC in advance if you have any medical needs such as diet or disability accommodations. We are unable to accommodate pets or provide childcare. Smoking is not permitted in any building.

• **Meals:** We serve home-cooked, nutritious meals. The fare is hearty. Our kitchen staff will try to accommodate any special dietary needs if they receive 14 days prior notice. If you have any dietary questions, please give us a call.

• **Timing:** Unless otherwise noted, conferences begin with registration and check in at 4:00 p.m. on opening day, followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m.

They close after the 12 noon lunch on the closing day. To assist our housekeeping staff, we request that you complete your check out prior to lunch closing day.

• **To Register:** A nonrefundable, nontransferable deposit of \$50 is required for each course **except for single day programs when a non-refund-able payment in full is required.** Please mail your check with the completed registration form.

• **Directions:** You will receive directions to the conference center with your registration confirmation. We are easy to find and are located just 9 miles outside of Boone, NC (2 hours from Winston Salem; 2-1/2 hours from Charlotte). The closest airports are Hickory, NC, and Johnson City (Tri-Cities), TN, both approx-imately 90 minutes from the Center.

• **Commuters:** A limited number of spaces are available in each program for commuters not requiring lodging. The fee does include three meals per day as mealtime is an important part of the program's fellowship. Those who choose to commute are encouraged to make a commitment to full participation in all meals and community activities.

REGISTRATION

(Feel free to copy this form but please use one form per person)

Event for which you are registering: _____

Starting Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Your Faith Tradition: _____

** I would like to room with _____

____ I will not be staying at the Conference Center but will commute

____ I am coming for a Quiet Day and will not need lodging

(if you wish to arrive the night before a Quiet Day, please call to check on room availability)

Enclosed: ____ Nonrefundable, nontransferable deposit of \$ _____

____ Full payment of \$ _____

Please return this complete form with your check (payable to "VCCC") to the address below.

You will receive a registration confirmation with any further information necessary.

VCCC, PO Box 654, Valle Crucis, NC 28691

** When requesting a specific room mate(s), registration forms and deposits should be mailed together.



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OUR MISSION

The mission of the Valle Crucis Conference Center is to inspire, by loving example and service, those who break bread with us and share in the quest for spiritual renewal, Christian community and stewardship of this sacred place.

The Right Reverend Robert H. Johnson
 Bishop of the Diocese of Western North Carolina

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