Celebrating the First Three Years of Mission: 2000-2003
“Resolved, The House of Bishops concurring [with the House of Deputies], That the 73rd General Convention call on the Executive Council to establish an Episcopal Youth Corps to engage in servant ministry throughout the Anglican Communion.”

“The Corps was conceived by the Standing Commission on Anglican and International Peace with Justice Concerns and presented to the 2000 General Convention in Denver as Resolution A007. Recognizing that our young people have ‘enormous gifts, great compassion, and a strong willingness to serve,’ the commission challenged the church to empower young people ‘as disciples with their own ministries and their own experience of Jesus to share.’ The proposal was received enthusiastically by the World Mission Committee and adopted with major funding.”
Joshua Bullock  
**Diocese of Mukono, Uganda**  
(Uganda Christian University)  
9/5/02 – 7/15/03  

_Diocese of Pittsburg, PA_  

In one of his last newsletters from Uganda, he wrote:  
“Personally, I am finding these last weeks to be . . . comfortable. I am now able to get into a taxi (I usually refer to them as “death waiting to happen”) and not freak out when we are headed head on with a truck carrying fuel. I can hop on a moped and ride around Kampala with no worries. The students and staff of the university are, in many ways, my family. I can bargain with the best of them and know where to go to get the best stuff. And it is a little bit strange to find that now I am about to leave, I could see myself staying another year. However, I feel it is God’s will that I return back to the States and continue the discernment process for my own calling and purpose in life. Where I will live and what I will do, who knows? But if God can set up a year in Uganda, he most certainly can do anything!”

Matthew Buterbaugh  
**Diocese of Venezuela**  
(Venezuela - starting date??)  

_Diocese of Kansas_  

Attends Grace Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Kansas. He is a recent graduate of Oklahoma State University, where he majored in History with a minor in Spanish. He will serve under YASC with the Diocese of Venezuela.

Ethan Cole  
**Teacher and Bible Study Leader**  
**Diocese of Bloemfontein in South Africa then in the Diocese of Kabale in Uganda.**  
7/22/02 – 6/22/03  

_Diocese of Western New York_  

I am a Candidate for Orders from the diocese of Western New York. I am in my final year of training at Harvard Divinity School. My YASC year in mission was divided between Bloemfontein, South Africa and Kabale, Uganda. In Bloemfontein I worked in a large parish in Bochabela Township. I was preaching monthly and leading weekly Bible studies. I occasionally did other things with the diocese outside of my role working in the parish. In Kabale, I was a visiting lecturer in the department of divinity and theology at the Bishop Barham campus of Uganda Christian University. I taught Greek, and Theology.

Rachel Colson  
**Diocese of West Maseno, Kenya**  
(Kenya – starting date Sept??)  

_Diocese of Los Angeles_  

Attends the Church of the Epiphany in the Diocese of Los Angeles. Rachel is a recent graduate of St Olaf College with a degree in Mathematics. She will serve under YASC in the Diocese of Maseno West, Kenya.

Valeska Daley  
**Christian Microenterprise Entrepreneur**  
**Diocese of Honduras**  
10/19/02 – 4/1/04  

_Diocese of Massachusetts_  

The Episcopal Bishop of Honduras, Bishop Lloyd Allen, personally requested my help to research and design a Christian microenterprise development program in Honduras. The microenterprise program will provide services in micro-business training and/or in a micro-credit cooperative. The micro-business training is intended to offer small business preparation, promote savings and provide Christian business education to poor individuals. The micro-credit cooperatives would help individuals learn to save and provide small loans to individuals or groups for “self-employment projects that will generate income, allowing them to care for themselves and their family”. The purpose of the project is to “fight poverty, create economic opportunity (utilize their business skills), transform lives (strengthen their values) and build the church…. ”
**Alex Dyer**

**Economic Development Coordinator**

**DIOCESE OF EGYPT**

8/12/01 – 8/21/02

**Diocese of Southern Virginia**

My responsibilities included coordinating income generation projects for displaced Sudanese living in Cairo. The Egyptian government allows the refugees entry into the country, but does not allow displaced Sudanese to get an education, have access to medical services, or to have a job. The government does allow them sell items through a store in the Cathedral; I coordinated these efforts. Our most popular project was Tukul Crafts, which made screen-printed clothing, bags, and accessories. Serving abroad has taught me many lessons about myself, God’s creation, suffering, thankfulness, justice, mercy, and hope. I am currently a seminarian at Seabury-Western Theological Seminary in Evanston, IL and am now learning how to apply what I have learned in the foreign mission field to the much larger domestic mission field as a future leader in the Episcopal Church. I have realized God is up to something and, to be a part of it, is amazing and exciting.

**Gary Eichelberger**

**Lecturer at Bishop Gaul Theological College**

and Domboshawa House

**DIOCESE OF HARARE, ZIMBABWE**

1/28/01 – 8/21/01

**Diocese of Upper South Carolina**

My YASC placement was in Harare, Zimbabwe, from January to August of 2001. My work was primarily as a lecturer at Bishop Gaul Theological College, the Anglican Seminary for Zimbabwe. At Bishop Gaul, I taught a seminar course on the Theology of Forgiveness and Reconciliation. Soon after arriving in Zimbabwe, I was also asked to teach the same course at another seminary, Domboshawa House, a larger, ecumenical seminary, also located in Harare. Beyond my work as a lecturer, I also had the opportunity to become involved in the daily community at Bishop Gaul. As part of that involvement, I assisted the school’s choir in getting an album of Anglican hymns produced and recorded. It is my understanding that the proceeds from the album have been used to supplement the school’s budget.

**Samuel Dargan**

**Technical and General Support in Hospital**

**DIOCESE OF SHYIRA IN RWANDA**

3/21/03 – 3/20/04

**Diocese of South Carolina**

Is currently serving in the Diocese of Shyira in Rwanda where he is providing computer support for a rural hospital. An avid outdoorsman and active in his local Episcopal parish, Samuel is from the Diocese of South Carolina. In one of his recent newsletters, Sam wrote: “I am having the time of my life! Everything is exciting... A few of the projects that I hope to start on in the next couple of weeks are: Replacing the roof on a store room, fixing the ceiling, painting, and cleaning the ER, fixing the operating light, scraping all windows in hospital, hanging curtains in all hospital windows, restoring private rooms (the hospital can charge extra for these, it will bring much need income), setting up a room to be a canteen, organizing medical stores, running power to the new malnourished ward, formally a vacant building, and finally, installing a battery pack to be charged by our generator so that we can have power without turning on generator. Solar power for the hospital is further down the list, but hopefully I will begin on the king’s house by end of week. We have many plans for the hospital, and Caleb and I both think of more each day. It is very exiting to imagine the possibilities.”

**Hallet Davis**

**Teacher, St. John’s Episcopal School**

**DIOCESE OF MICRONESIA**

7/1/03 – 6/31/04

**Diocese of Alabama**

Attends Cathedral Church of the Advent in the Diocese of Alabama. She will serve in Guam under YASC, as a teacher at St John’s Episcopal School, and also develop a youth ministry program for the three Episcopal Churches there. She wrote: “The headmistress of the school has welcomed me with open arms. I am still recovering from jet lag. They had a welcome pot luck dinner and evening prayer service when I arrived... everyone has been very hospitable!”
**Phillip Fackler**

**Diocese of Southern Malawi**

Diocese of Springfield or Quincy, Illinois

Attends the Chapel of St John the Divine in the Diocese of Springfield (IL). He is active in his parish where he serves on several committees. He is a graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana with a major in Chemistry and Letters. He will serve with YASC in Malawi.

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**Heewoo Han**

**Literature, Bible and Philosophy Teacher**

**Diocese of Honduras**

8/10/02 – 5/31/03

Greetings from a place where sun never stops shining!

After graduating from Wheaton College, IL., I put my ‘impractical’ major, Theology, to work right away. Through God’s guiding hands and YASC, I was able to become a teacher at the Holy Spirit School, Tela, Honduras. I was given the immense task to shape the minds of future leaders of Honduras as the school’s Literature, Bible and Philosophy teacher. Astonishingly, only about nine percent graduate from high schools and even more shocking three percent enter universities. In contrast to such poor statistics, Holy Spirit boasts over ninety percent college entrance rate. I am often in awe at the responsibility of being a teacher in such a special school. I pray and hope that God will use my thoughts, words and actions to guide and steer them to right directions.

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**Wesley Fletcher**

**Biology teacher at Anglican Boarding School**

**Diocese of West Ankole, Uganda, East Africa**

8/27/01 – 8/27/02

Diocese of West Texas

After graduating from Brown University in the spring of 2001, Wesley headed to East Africa as a member of the Young Adult Service Corps (YASC) with plans to teach classes at an Anglican boarding school in Uganda. Bushenyi, located southwest of Uganda’s capital city, is the rural village housing Bishop McAllister Secondary School, where Wesley taught high school biology, English, and literature to lively, intelligent classes of indigenous youth. The experience of teaching without the traditional resources of textbooks and guides for classes, as well as interacting with classrooms of 85 students per teacher, put her creativity and cross-cultural skills to the test. In addition to teaching, Wesley had the privilege of working with Dr. Scott Kellermann and his wife Carol in their missionary medical practice with the Batwa pygmy tribes of the Bwindi area in Uganda. The Kellermanns served as Wesley’s mentors during her year of service with YASC and have remained dear friends. Wesley now works as the Director of Youth Ministry at St. Francis Episcopal Church in San Antonio, Texas and credits her continuing missionary work abroad for her sense of call and purpose in life.

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**Kai Harris**

**Diocese of Southeast Mexico**

9/9/02 – 7/15/03

Recently completed his ministry in the Diocese of Southeast Mexico. Following one of his many trips with the Bishop, he wrote: ‘I was especially impressed with the churches and people that we met. I had previously met all the clergy working in these communities, but I had only met a very few lay people (and not in their home environment). These folk are nearly all indigenous. Almost all still speak their native language. We came across four or five different languages in the small area we traveled. Most speak Spanish, but the
on the needs in each place. Loki is the center for most of the humanitarian relief going into Southern Sudan, so there is a large presence of non-governmental organizations such as NSCC, and there is a UN base for Operation Lifeline Sudan, as well. In a sense Loki is a funnel for information going from the churches all across the region of Southern Sudan to the headquarters of NSCC in Nairobi. In Loki I will be helping set up an ecumenical center, writing reports, and preparing documents for NSCC. In Narus my work will be slightly different. Narus is a village of the Toposa people just across the border from Loki. I will be working in the Regional Ecumenical Center of Narus assisting with church projects there. These projects may include working with community development, the literacy center, women’s groups, and church leadership for bible study.”

Caroline Hub

Nurse at Bedford Orthopedic Center Umtata
South Africa
DIOCESE OF ST. JOHN, REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA
8/22/02 – 7/27/03
Diocese of Delaware

Hi, my name is Caroline Hub and I am a nurse volunteering at Bedford Hospital. I was in Umtata for one year and enjoyed every minute of it. I am so glad to have been able to have this experience and the opportunity to help out in a way that was possible for me. My job in Umtata was a pretty basic one. I was working in the Spinal Unit at the hospital. That means that I was working with paraplegics and quadriplegics. Many of our patients sustained their injuries from car accidents, gun shot wounds, stab- bings, or from Tuberculosis, a disease we don’t even think about in the United States any more. My main job was to help the nurses on the floor with nursing care. However, I spent a lot of time training the nurses on how to use new higher tech equipment than they had used before, and introducing some new organizational methods to the daily routine. I also learned a lot while in South Africa. The nurses and patients are incredible people and have given me a new way to look at life.

Ross Kane

Liaison & Resource Mobilisation Officer
NEW SUDAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN NAIROBI
Diocese of Virginia

Serves as the Liaison & Resource Mobilisation Officer. He will be extending his ministry for a second term. He shared: “I am working for the New Sudan Council of Churches (NSCC), whose mission is to coordinate the work of evangelism, Christian service and witness, peace, justice, reconciliation and human development with the churches of Southern Sudan. In my work for NSCC I will be in two towns on the border of Sudan and Kenya: Lokichokio, Kenya (called Loki) and Narus, Sudan. I will be moving between them depending on the needs in each place. Loki is the center for most of the humanitarian relief going into Southern Sudan, so there is a large presence of non-governmental organizations such as NSCC, and there is a UN base for Operation Lifeline Sudan, as well. In a sense Loki is a funnel for information going from the churches all across the region of Southern Sudan to the headquarters of NSCC in Nairobi. In Loki I will be helping set up an ecumenical center, writing reports, and preparing documents for NSCC. In Narus my work will be slightly different. Narus is a village of the Toposa people just across the border from Loki. I will be working in the Regional Ecumenical Center of Narus assisting with church projects there. These projects may include working with community development, the literacy center, women’s groups, and church leadership for bible study.”

Jeff Lisman

Music Teacher at Uganda Christian University
DIOCESE OF MUKONO, UGANDA
8/29/01 TO 8/29/02
Diocese of Connecticut

The semester has just ended at Uganda Christian University. After grading a section of nearly 800 papers, I have completed my responsibilities for the first semester. I enjoyed teaching last semester and developed many good relationships with the students. I found it awkward trying to get to know the students yet keeping a certain distance at the same time. Grading in Uganda is significantly lower than grading in the United States. In a class of 30 only 2 should get an A; the rest get Bs; and Cs; with a few Ds and Fs. Although I wanted to give higher grades, I adjusted my system down, making it consistent with Uganda.

While at the university, I met a doctor from Pennsylvania who does prison ministry in Uganda for one to two months each year. I accompanied him on two of his prison visits, where he distribute medicine and blankets, conversed with inmates, and told stories with a Christian message. Visiting Ugandan prisons was definitely an interesting experience, as many of my preconceived notions were destroyed while others were confirmed. I expected a certain amount of hostility from the prisoners, which was not present. The prisoners seemed friendly and willing to listen, unlike in American prisons.
Ranjit Mathews

HIV/AIDS Youth Organizer in Cape Town
ANGELIC CHURCH OF THE PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA
7/01/01 - 8/23/02

Diocese of Massachusetts

After graduating from the George Washington University in 2001, Ranjit traveled to Cape Town, South Africa, where he was the assistant to the HIV/AIDS Ministries and Mission Office of the Anglican Church of the Province of Southern Africa. He served as the administrator for the office, organizing Strategic HIV/AIDS Planning Sessions for the different member dioceses. In addition to this, Ranjit worked with a group of young people on issues related to HIV/AIDS, and due to this activism and organizing the young people were able to form an NGO. Ranjit also worked with an NGO, named the Treatment Action Campaign, a group that lobbied the South African government to implement an HIV/AIDS mother to child treatment prevention program.

Jason Mehl

Writing and Study Skills Instructor
DIOCESE OF MUKONO, UGANDA (UCU)
8/18/03 – 8/17/04

Diocese of Chicago

Jason is from Wheaton, IL and will serve as a Teacher of Literature at Uganda Christian University, Mukono, Uganda. He will serve with YASC as a Writing and Study Skills Instructor.

Thomas Murphy

Counselor/Teacher
DIOCESE OF HONDURAS
7/5/01 TO 6/15/02

Diocese of Western North Carolina

Everything is going pretty well here. I am definitely busy, happy, and well connected to my community and students. I am not sure if I have told you but I have received a sort of promotion to the illustrious position of volunteer coordinator, which basically means I get to order other volunteers around and have them make me coffee. Of course I am kidding you two both may know I prefer tea. In all seriousness, I am basically in charge of all work teams and helping the new volunteers adjust to Honduras. I also continue to work with the students by teaching and developing my own project to help them develop realistic dreams and plans of how to achieve them. I also work in the mornings with them in the field and have somehow gotten wrapped in a drip irrigation project.

Justin Mutter

Writing and Study Skills Instructor
DIOCESE OF HAITI
8/25/03 – 8/24/04

Diocese of Virginia

Attends Christ Episcopal Church in Charlottesville, VA and is a recent graduate of the University of Virginia. He will serve in the Diocese of Haiti as an English Teacher for one year with YASC.

Jonathan Partridge

Journalist and Sacristan at St. George’s Cathedral, Jerusalem
DIOCESE OF JERUSALEM, MIDDLE EAST
7/22/02 – 6/22/03

Diocese of San Joaquin

“I am serving the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem as a journalist and a sacristan at St. George’s Cathedral. My journalism duties consist of gathering information about the diocese’s service institutions (hospitals, schools, etc.) and various church activities and then writing press releases that are sent to various news services and supporters of the diocese. My sacristan duties include looking after the well-being of the cathedral, leading prayer services, and assisting during Eucharistic services. I also assist with the junior high and senior high school youth groups at the St. George’s, and I attend their meetings on a regular basis.”
Courtney Reid

**Diocese of Egypt**

Attends St Michael's Episcopal Church in Austin in the Diocese of Texas. She is a recent graduate of the University of the South, Sewanee. She will serve with the Diocese of Egypt with YASC.

Mark St. George, Jr.

**English Teacher and Translator**

**Diocese of the Dominican Republic**

8/31/02 – 9/2/03

Diocese of Connecticut

I teach English at the San Esteban School in San Pedro de Macorís, Dominican Republic. I teach preschool through eight grade, from Monday through Friday. On Monday and Wednesday afternoon I teach English at the Buen Pastor School in area called Las Flores. At this school I teach first though third grade. I also do translations for the Esperanza y Caridad Health Clinic. These translations include petitions for donations of clothing, medical supplies and information for presentations at health or church conventions. On Thursday afternoon I go to Jalonga, a sugar plantation town, to teach English to a group of adults and youths. I also translate and work with volunteer groups that come to work at the Health Clinic and at the San Esteban Church. In February I had the chance to welcome the Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold at the airport in Santo Domingo with the Happenings group.

Steven Scharre

**HIV/AIDS Educator**

**Diocese of Mpwapwa, Tanzania**

6/17/03 – 7/26/03

Diocese of Chicago

Attends St Michael’s and St George’s Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Missouri. Steve is currently a student at Washington University in St Louis pursuing Religious Studies. He will serve with YASC as an HIV/AIDS educator in Tanzania. He traveled to there on a month of mission exposure. He shared: I’ll be working with an organization called T.E.A.M. (Tanzanian Educational AIDS Mission). We’ve got a lot planned for the next 6 months (although I’ll only be there for the summer); mainly we teach proper HIV/AIDS education and preventative techniques through seminars and small groups. Also, this summer we’re looking to replicate the program throughout other regions of the country. One of my many roles this summer will be video production. “ . . . As an Episcopalian Missionary, I have been invited by the Bishop of Mpwapwa, Bishop Simon Chiwanga, and I’m looking forward to meeting him. It will be nice to go to a location where I’m welcomed, and I’m excited about being a companion with the fellow Christians there. God is doing some amazing things, and I just feel lucky to be a part of it all.”

Michael Stanley

**Secondary School Teacher at Escuela de San Christobal**

**Diocese of Panama**

2/1/2002 - 1/1/2003

Diocese of Pennsylvania

Right now San Cristóbal is in the middle of its exam period for the third bi-mester. I have come up with some new methods to remind students of what they owed during the bi-mester so the number of students in danger of failing is far lower than during the first two bi-mesters. Moreover, I have been able to employ some of the new methods I discussed last month’s report. I showed Jesus Christ Superstar to several of the Religion classes and had them compare it to more traditional interpretations of John’s Gospel. The Second Year Religion students have also been presenting reports on the Gospels, Romans, Corinthians, Acts, Revelations, some of which have been quite good. My history students are starting work on their first group works on different world cultures as well. Additionally I have begun to work discussion of current events related to the materials into class discussions and had the students bring in articles to discuss. ... Later in the month I went with a group of professors and students to Torti, a very poor area where the Episcopal Church has four missions (and a really impressive priest) for a day of service, is part of what they call El Encuentro con La Realidad Nacional. I really appreciated the opportunity to see another part of the country. The little children from Torti were interested to see the “gringo” and asked if I spoke English. They also asked me about September 11. This past Sunday I went with a group from the Church and School to attend the Regional Service of the Episcopal Church in Colon, which is in one of Panama’s Atlantic Provinces.