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Live God's love: tell what you have seen and heard

They walked miles for abused children

On a beautiful Saturday in April, 71 people from around the Diocese of Bethlehem gathered to *Walk a Mile in Their Shoes*, making a witness in downtown Allentown on behalf of abused children. Almost all walked the entire five-mile course. Some \$8,500 was collected for four Child Advocacy Centers (CAC) located in various parts of the 14 counties of our diocesan community. CACs are independent nonprofit organizations designed to improve a community's response to child abuse and neglect by offering a supportive environment for child victims and their protective family members.

The Cathedral Church of the Nativity collected the most money. The most walkers, 15 people and five dogs, came from Christ Church, Reading. Dolores Schiesser of the Cathedral was recognized as the adult who collected the most money. Emma-Li Kissinger-Schultz was recognized as the child/teen who collected the most money.

Three downtown churches provided water stations: St. John's United Church of Christ, Grace Church and Church of the Mediator.

The Walk-a-Thon was sponsored by *AWE: Children's Ministries*. For information about other children's ministries events or child advocacy projects, visit www.diobethkids.org or contact The Rev. Debra Kissinger, at dkissinger@diobeth.org.



Somewhere near you,

there's a blue-and-white sign bearing the familiar slogan: *The Episcopal Church Welcomes You*. It represents some 7,400 congregations that trace their beginnings in North America to a small but hopeful group of English Christians who arrived May 14, 1607 at a place they called Jamestown – the first permanent English settlement in the New World ... Wherever you find us, you'll find the Book of Common Prayer and a Christian faith that honors and engages the Bible, the tradition of the Church, and God-given human reason. Joined in prayer, you'll find people with many points of view – Christians who are progressive, moderate, and conservative – yet who value the diversity of their faith community.

An excerpt from an ad published in the New York Times. Read it all at A8

Live
God's
Love
Tell

Holy God,
your Son
called us
to wrap the
what

whole world
in your
saving
embrace.

By your Holy
Spirit give us

you

compassion,
purpose
and energy
to invite into
your Church

have

those who
do not
yet know the
transforming
power
of your love.

seen

We ask this
through Him
who has
brought us
from darkness

and

to light,
your Son,
our Savior
Jesus Christ.
Amen.

heard

People who show up

The world is run by the people who show up, and the body of Christ is, as skeptical St. Thomas learned a week late, experienced by those who show up. **Bishop Paul, A2**

Lion, Bishop & Wardrobe

Bishop's Day for Kids. June 27, Cathedral, Bethlehem, 10:15 to 3:15. There's a bus coming from the North. Register by June 8 to receive your free Narnia T-Shirt. **A2**

Providing generously

for mission **Dan Charney, A3**

Calendar/Cycles of Prayer **A7**

New Hope ...

The question I hear most as I travel about the diocese is, "When will we be starting the capital campaign?" **Charlie Barebo, A3**

Don't miss ...

ECW meets at Kirby House, Bishop's School in the fall, Safeguarding Policies, Cathedral gives it all away, Bikes to Kajo Keji, St. Anne's seeks administrative assistant, Jubilate, Golf with Brigid, From \$43,000 to \$2 million, 250 show up for Health Fair, Resignation of a rector, Winchester Cathedral Choir in Wilkes-Barre, *Following Jesus in a Culture of Fear*, Episcopal Church caps, Healing Mission in Hamlin. **A4**

Tears of humanity mingle with the blood of the Savior

A report from Chaplain Major Ira Houck. **A5**

Living a baptized life

Three questions/five promises. Part three of six. Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? **Anne Kitch A6**

News from Kajo Keji

Randall Fegley A6

The Rev. Margaret Merrell

Memorial service, June 2 at 11:00, at Christ Church, Susquehanna. **A8**

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