

## **Report of the Diocesan Historiographer**

The Diocese of West Tennessee hosted the annual conference of National Episcopal Historians and Archivists on June 11-14, 2008. The Rev. Bindy Snyder, NEHA board member, was conference coordinator; Patricia McFarland and Ann Ray were local arrangements chairs. The conference began with an Evensong at St. Mary's Cathedral Wednesday, June 11. On Thursday morning, Bishop Don Johnson celebrated the opening Eucharist at Calvary, where conference sessions were held. St. John's and Grace-St. Luke's also provided hospitality and tours of their churches. The NEHA members visited the graves of the Martyrs of Memphis at Historic Elmwood Cemetery.

In addition to the on-going work of reorganizing archival materials, Historiographer Patricia LaPoine McFarland answered a large number of information requests, including verification of the founding date of Immanuel, Ripley, the early life of Sister Constance, the early history of Emmanuel, Memphis, and St. Mary's in the Woods, Hardy, Arkansas, the summer camp facility for the Church Home.

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