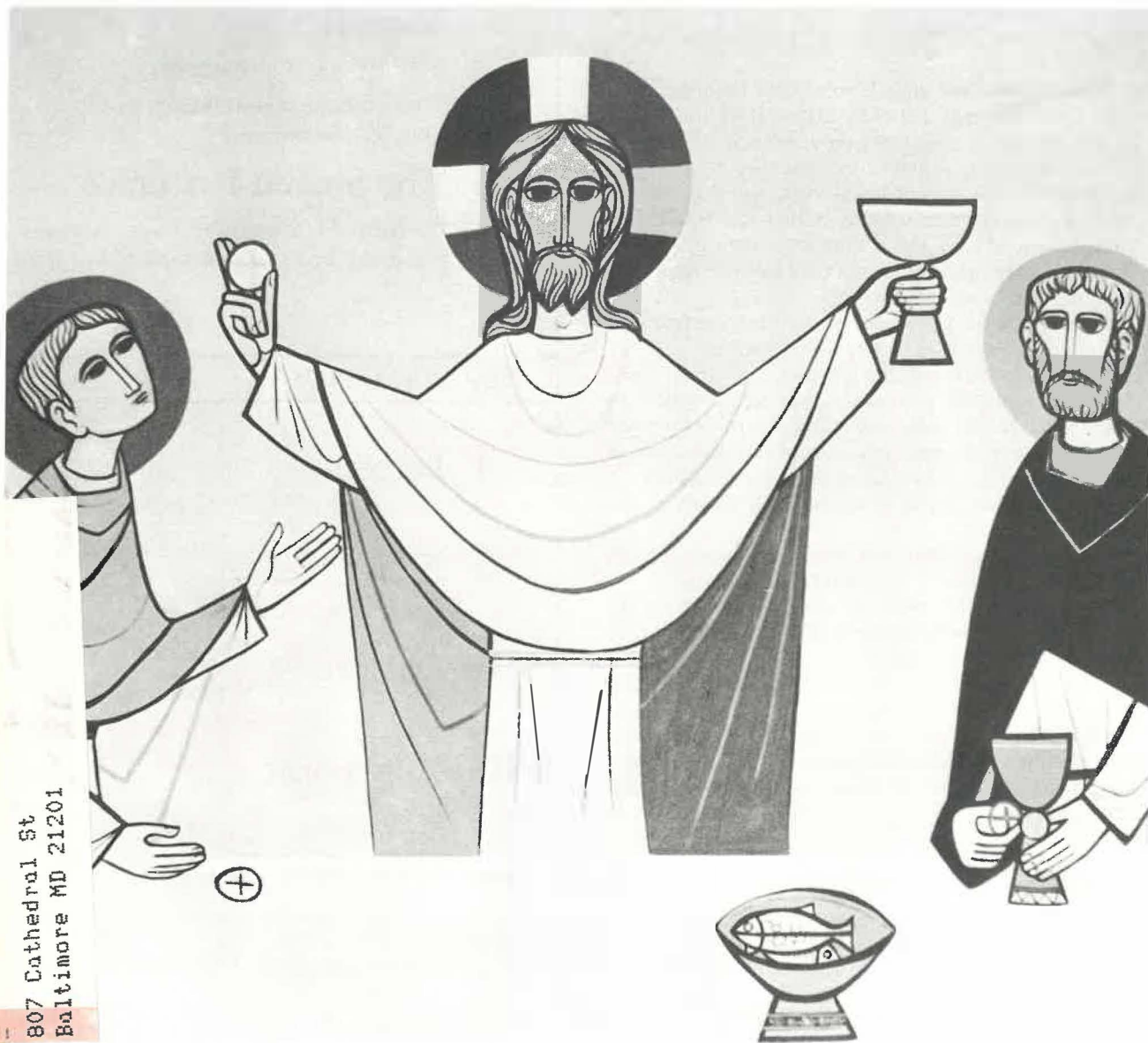


THE LIVING CHURCH

Serving Episcopalians Since 1878



940604 17830
F Garner Ranney
807 Cathedral St
Baltimore MD 21201

Living the Gospel Together

IN THIS CORNER

Stop Being So Nice!

May I suggest that, if an obituary is ever written of the Episcopal Church, the causes of death may be listed as an overdose of niceness, an infection by jargon, and overindulgence in conferences, seminars and meetings?

Church leaders seem to be striving mightily to see that the church is a hive of polite discussion and sunny consensus. This Episcopal niceness, however, drains our debates of all real content. That is, when a secular politician comes out for Mom, apple pie and flag, we usually and rightly judge that person to be either a con or a fool.

What, then, exempts our church politicians from the same judgment? Confrontations between different factions may shake the church, but they are more productive than the meetings in which everyone is very nice and maunders on for hours in exalted language. For those who still balk, you may want to look up how nice the prophets were to the nation of Israel, how Paul avoided confrontation and controversy when discussing the circumcision party, and how Jesus tried to work for a consensus with the scribes and pharisees.

Which brings us to the jargon endemic to such conferences. I recently attended a meeting in which the chairman of a key committee presented his committee's report, which was filled with many long, impressive phrases. Then he was asked to explain the report. He mumbled and parroted a few of the key phrases, and then sort of gaped at us. Out of the abundance of our Episcopal niceness, we applauded as he escaped from his embarrassment at revealing that he did not understand his own committee's report.

I suggest this is more widespread than is recognized. I'll bet many of our clergy, especially those who read too much Tillich in their seminary days, have gotten so used to stringing together long and important words that some of them have forgotten that words should have meaning.

Finally, are all our meetings and boards and councils and seminars and workshops really important?

For these reasons, I suggest that all Episcopal conferences, committee meetings, seminars, etc., have the following rules:

1. Church meetings will be called only in situations of urgent need in accomplishing particular goals. All voting members of any meeting that fails to meet such goals will be required to pay, out of their own pockets, all of the conference's expenses.

2. Any proposal or statement that does draw opposition will be tabled immediately, on the assumption that anything everyone agrees with is probably too vague to be of any use.

3. All church statements must have the same readability as any good translation of the Bible. For this one, a list would be created of words the use of which would automatically get the speaker ejected from any meeting. I would include on this list "hermeneutics" and "process" and "consensus." I'm sure you have your own suggestions.

This should drastically cut down on church committees and conferences. We might even hear of a church get-together at which real positions were clearly declared, and at which something might be accomplished.

Of course, I'll have to call a conference to discuss my plan. Get a big-name speaker, schedule some workshops, book a hotel in some pleasant convention town ...

Our guest columnist is James E. Tynen, a member of St. Stephen's Church, Wilkinsburg, Pa.

CONTENTS

January 16, 1994

Epiphany 2

FEATURES

7 Lutherans and Episcopalians Working Together

by Patricia Wainwright

The ecumenical movement, moving from 'the bottom up'

8 The Shared Pastorate

by John M. Flanigen

Necessity brings a new kind of ministry

DEPARTMENTS

4 Letters

6 News

10 Editorials

10 Viewpoint

12 Short and Sharp

14 People and Places

ON THE COVER

"One Body," a drawing in the main dining room of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement in Garrison, N.Y., symbolizes the order's dedication to Christian unity. It has a motto using the words of St. Paul: "The one bread makes us one body, though many in number."

Religious News Service photo



Over 75 years of service to institutions that serve the Episcopal Church.

The Church Pension Group is dedicated solely to the protection of Episcopal people and property. So it's our business to make sure our institutions are open and available to all who would like to use them.

As an agency of the Episcopal Church, we've been doing just that since 1917. Today over 85% of all Episcopal institutions count on us to meet the property and liability insurance needs of our churches, schools, camps, conference centers and seminaries. And the group health and life needs of our clergy, their spouses and their dependent children, as well as our lay employees.

And because we're non-profit, any income we make goes directly into The Church Pension Fund--leaving our ministers free to do what they do best-- minister.

For a quick response to any question or need, please call us toll-free: 1-800-223-6602.



**The Church
Pension Group**

**Protecting Episcopal
People and Property**

Major Companies and Services Include: The Church Pension Fund (Clergy and Lay Pensions); Church Life Insurance Corporation (Group Life, Disability, Individual Life and Annuities); The Church Insurance Company (Property, Casualty and Liability Products); The Medical Trust (Medical, Dental and Medicare Supplemental Benefits); and The Church Hymnal Corporation (Over 150 Church Publications).

AFRICAN PALMS

Palm Crosses For Palm Sunday
Available Year Round

African Palms is a non-profit outreach program operated by St. John's Episcopal Church. Our Palm Crosses are made in Tanzania, Africa, to help supplement average annual incomes under \$100.00 and to help provide for educational, health, medical, agricultural, and other community needs. The crosses sell for \$6.00 per 50 — \$12.00 per 100 — in multiples of 50. For further information contact:



AFRICAN PALMS
P. O. Box 575
Olney, MD 20830
301-774-2832

INEXPENSIVE EPISCOPAL SOFTWARE

'79 & '28 BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER
RSV & NRSV LECTIONARY TEXTS
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
BOOK OF OCCASIONAL SERVICES
LESSER FEASTS AND FASTS
PARISH OFFICE MANAGEMENT
BIBLE TRANSLATIONS
SPANISH BCP

For IBM, Macintosh and
Apple II compatible Computers

SOFTWARE SHARING MINISTRIES
P.O. BOX 312
STERLING, CO 80751
303-522-3184



THE FINEST QUALITY
LITURGICAL INCENSE

Sampler Pack: 1½ oz. of each of our four
blends - \$12.95 (prepaid only)

HOLY CROSS INCENSE

P.O. Box 99 • West Park • NY 12493
(914) 384-6660

"THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH GOES TO PRISON"

**A Conference for Those Who
Minister to the Incarcerated**

April 28-30, 1994 Plainfield, Indiana
Worship, Speakers, Workshops,
Training, Prison Tour

\$175 double; \$225 single

Sponsored by the Bishop for the Armed Forces
VA, Federal Prisons

For information and Registration Form:

Name _____

Address _____

Mail to The Rev. Jackie Means
Conference Coordinator
Box 25, Plainfield, IN 46168

THE LIVING CHURCH

Volume 208 Established 1878 Number 3

*An independent weekly record
of the news of the Church
and the views of Episcopalians*

THE LIVING CHURCH (ISSN 0024-5240) is published by THE LIVING CHURCH FOUNDATION, INC., a non-profit organization serving the Church. All gifts to the Foundation are tax-deductible.

EDITORIAL AND BUSINESS OFFICES

816 E. Juneau Ave.
Mailing address: P.O. Box 92936
Milwaukee, WI 53202-0936
TELEPHONE 414-276-5420
FAX 414-276-7483

David A. Kalvelage,
editor and general manager
The Rev. Canon H. Boone Porter,
senior editor
John E. Schuessler, managing editor
J. A. Kucharski, music editor
The Rev. Travis T. Du Priest, Jr.,
People and Places editor
and book editor
The Rev. Emmet Gribbin, Jr.,
associate editor, Province IV
Betty Glatzel, business manager
Barbara A. Pizzino, circulation manager
Lila J. Thurber, advertising manager

Board of Directors

The Rt. Rev. Donald Hultstrand, Bishop of Springfield (ret.), president; Miss Augusta D. Roddis, Marshfield, Wis., vice-president; the Rt. Rev. Charles T. Gaskell, Bishop of Milwaukee, (ret.), secretary; Leonard Campbell, Jr., Milwaukee, treasurer; the Rt. Rev. Stanley Atkins, Oconomowoc, Wis.; Jackson Bruce, Jr., Milwaukee; Mrs. Robert C. Brumder, Hartland, Wis.; the Rev. Thomas A. Fraser, III, Riverside, Ill.; John W. Matheus, River Hills, Wis.; the Rev. Canon H. Boone Porter, Southport, Conn.; the Rev. Jeffrey Steenson, Fort Worth, Texas.

NEWS: Correspondents, news releases from church agencies, and syndicated news service are THE LIVING CHURCH's chief sources of news. TLC is a subscriber to Religious News Service and cooperates with Episcopal News Service.

PHOTOGRAPHS and MANUSCRIPTS: THE LIVING CHURCH cannot assume responsibility for the return of photos or manuscripts.

THE LIVING CHURCH is published every week, dated Sunday, by the Living Church Foundation, Inc., at 816 E. Juneau Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53202. Second-class postage paid at Milwaukee, WI.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES: \$39.50 for one year; \$54.60 for 18 months; \$70.72 for two years. Foreign postage \$15.00 a year additional.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to THE LIVING CHURCH, P.O. Box 92936, Milwaukee, WI 53202-0936.

©1994 The Living Church Foundation, Inc.

All rights reserved. No reproduction in whole or part can be made without written permission of THE LIVING CHURCH

LETTERS

Like a Business?

A successful business prospers when it meets the needs and good will of its customers. For example, the Coca-Cola Company experimented by changing the original formula of its beverage. According to a spokesman, the complaints of the customers were so numerous and the loss of sales so large that the company decided to regain its public support by changing back to the original components.

A statistical analysis of baptized membership in the Episcopal Church, beginning in 1880, records a consistent growth until 1967, when a decline started. By 1990, membership had dropped by 1.2 million members, or about one third of the total membership.

This marked loss coincides with the years of the trial liturgies and the 1979 Book of Common Prayer. Church people have reacted unfavorably. Some have become indifferent, some have left the church, "continuing" Anglican churches have been established in many dioceses, mission churches have closed, financial support has dwindled.

Has not the time come to face realities and reassess our position, taking a lesson from successful business growth? Our traditional Anglican prayer book for 450 years has been a source of inspiration and comforting strength to our people throughout the world. It is surely the classic liturgy. Let us return to it before we suffer more losses.

(The Rev. Canon) DAVID C. TRIMBLE
Hagerstown, Md.

Main Concern Lost

I am more than disappointed in the inaction of the members of the mainline Christian churches and of the Jewish synagogues with regard to the social disintegration of American society. In reading the Dec. 17 edition of the *Union News* of Springfield, Mass., I read a syndicated column by George Will regarding the lack of parental responsibility in the nurturing and ethical guidance of children. Statistics which seem to be accurate reflect the fact that 26 percent of white



children grow up in families where the parents are unmarried or, if Afro-American, 60 percent of parents are unmarried. Many children grow up with only one parent, usually female.

As Mr. Will points out, the lack of parental concern about children has resulted in an outbreak of violence and other unlawful behavior, particularly by young males. In our city of Springfield, as elsewhere, we are being faced with the fact that students are bringing lethal weapons to public schools.

As I pondered these facts, I was saddened and depressed. However, I read another article which revived me with hope. I read an account concerning the fact that scores of black churches will "adopt" their local public schools and offer help in controlling the violence that has plagued the school system in New York City.

Why are mainline churches and synagogues so enmeshed in matters of sexuality, gender confrontations and liturgical correctness that the main concern of Christian and Jew to worship and serve a loving God is lost? Could it be that we in the so-called middle class white society who go to church are asleep and will be shut out when the bridegroom comes to the feast?

(The Rev.) EDGAR H. FORREST
East Longmeadow, Mass.

From New England?

I was amused to read in a classified ad that a source offering bulletin inserts, under the heading "Propers," with the Sunday readings printed on them, apparently has switched to using a different translation and is now providing them in the "New England" Bible translation

To Our Readers:

We welcome your letters to the editor. Each letter is subject to editing and should be kept as brief as possible. Submissions that are typed with double spacing are appreciated and more likely to be published. Writers must include their names and addresses. Because of the large volume of letters we receive, we are not able to publish all letters, nor able to acknowledge receipt.

[TLC, Dec. 19]. Could this new translation be the work of Tom and Ray Magliozzi of *Car Talk* fame?

(The Rev.) ROBERT A. SMITH
St. Paul's Church

Dowagiac, Mich.

} *The error was not the advertiser's. Ed.*

Strange Dichotomy

There is a strange dichotomy afoot in the world. Fundamentalists and some Roman Catholics claim HIV/AIDS is

God's punishment for homosexuality. Whether God's punishment or not, a few of my friends have died of this disease, and many more friends of friends. But I am not aware of any lesbian who has died of AIDS.

Since subtlety may fail to guide some readers to an obvious conclusion, here it is: If AIDS is God's punishment on male homosexuals, God must love lesbians more than almost everyone else, since they rarely contract AIDS.

RALPH C. CONNOR
New York, N.Y.

"May well be the most comprehensive and profound work of systematic theology produced in North America in our lifetime."

—JOHN C. BENNETT



Professing **THE FAITH**

DOUGLAS JOHN HALL
Christian Theology in a North American Context

In light of the dethroning of mainline churches, disenchantment with secularity, and Christian alienation from an often death-dealing dominant culture, what does an authentic theology entail? Hall marshalls doctrinal resources for a critical, creative response that stresses God's necessary involvement in an unfinished, dynamic, suffering world. "Dying to Christendom," he writes, "we could become the church."

Hall's is an ambitious, unprecedented attempt to discern and respond theologically to the most salient features of contemporary North American life.

560 pages \$35.00 cloth

Also by Douglas John Hall

THINKING THE FAITH
Christian Theology in a North American Context

464 pages
\$19.00 paper

FORTRESS PRESS
At bookstores or from
Augsburg Fortress, Publishers
425 South Fifth Street, Box 1209
Minneapolis, MN 55440-1209
Postage and handling additional
1-800-328-4648

Western Kansas Cathedral Dean Resigns

A disagreement between the Bishop of Western Kansas and his cathedral dean has led to the resignation of the dean and a cathedral canon.

The Very Rev. M. Richard Hatfield, dean of Christ Cathedral, Salina, and the Rev. Canon Joseph M. Kimmett resigned after being reprimanded by the Rt. Rev. John Ashby.

At issue is the fact the dean and canon did not participate in the renewal of ordination vows during the diocesan convention Eucharist. Bishop Ashby reprimanded the two because he said they broke collegiality with him and with the clergy of the diocese by not participating in that ceremony.

Dean Hatfield said he did not take part in that event because a woman priest, also a member of the diocesan clergy, participated.

"One of the things I will not do, because it violates my theological convictions that women cannot be catholic priests, is to stand together in the presbyterial college, or in any sacramental expression," Dean Hatfield wrote in a letter to members of the cathedral.

"Bishop Ashby and I hold different interpretations of the various 'conscience clauses,' agreements and promises made in the Episcopal Church regarding our state of 'impaired communion' which we have been living in since 1976," he added. "It is my understanding that I cannot be required to do anything which violates my theological position as related to the ordi-

nation of women to the priesthood and episcopate."

"Your readers need to know this has nothing to do with the ordination of women," Bishop Ashby said in a telephone interview. "It's a matter of ordination vows."

Bishop Ashby said diocesan clergy renew their vows every year during diocesan convention and laity renew their baptismal vows at the same service.

"I considered this a serious enough offense to the collegiality of the diocese to warrant a reprimand, so I put a letter in their files," he said.

"I have other clergy in the diocese opposed to the ordination of women who work well here," he added.

Dean Hatfield, 40, has been at the cathedral since 1988. Canon Kimmett, 31, joined the staff in 1992.

"Bishop Ashby and I reached the point in this matter where I could challenge his judgment, which would involve hearings and so forth, or I can do what I decided to do and that is to resign as dean," Dean Hatfield wrote. "I have chosen the latter, with absolutely no hard feelings toward Bishop Ashby."

The bishop made a similar statement. "The dean and I are really very fond of each other personally," he said. Dean Hatfield told THE LIVING CHURCH he wasn't sure of his plans after leaving the cathedral at the end of 1993, but others said he would enter the Antiochian Orthodox Church.

BRIEFLY

Dr. Donald R. Hopkins, senior warden at Trinity Church, Chicago, was honored recently by the United Nations Children's Fund for his work with children. Dr. Hopkins, former deputy director for the Centers for Disease Control, now works for Global 2000.



Some controversial suggestions for church renewal have been put forth by an organization of lay persons in the Greek Orthodox Church. In a 344-page book covering seven areas of church life, an organization known as Orthodox Christian Laity recommends such measures as opening the diaconate to women and phasing out Greek as the primary language used for worship services.

CONVENTIONS

The Diocese of Southern Ohio approved a \$6 million capital campaign fund and affirmed the election of a suffragan bishop during its diocesan convention Dec. 3-4 at Ohio University in Athens.

The fund drive, to begin in 1994, includes rebuilding of Procter Conference Center, enabling outreach ministries through the Episcopal Community Services Foundation, and developing and supporting congregations.

The Rt. Rev. Herbert Thompson Jr., Bishop of Southern Ohio, called for the election of a suffragan bishop during his convention address, and delegates later affirmed that plan. Convention approved an election process culminating in the election to be held June 25.

The Rt. Rev. Paul Reeves, Anglican observer to the United Nations, spoke to convention and addressed identity.

"Questions of authority are now bound up with identity," Bishop Reeves said. "How different can you be and still be Anglican? Different from what, and who decides?"

The Rt. Rev. William Rukirande, Bishop of Kigezi, Uganda, also addressed convention, speaking of the devastation in his country from AIDS and civil war.

Convention adopted a resolution calling on the House of Bishops to rescind the "conscience clause" which it adopted in 1977 concerning ordination of women as priests and deacons.



RNS photo

Bishops of four Arizona churches sign an ecumenical covenant pledging cooperation and mutual support. The Rt. Rev. Robert Shahan, Episcopal Bishop of Arizona, is at right.



Members of four ELCA churches share food and fellowship with members of Holy Comforter, Lower Brule, S.D.

Lutherans and Episcopalians Working Together

By PATRICIA WAINWRIGHT

While discussion on unity and communion between the Episcopal Church and the Lutheran Church has been going on for decades, many parishes in small towns and rural areas have devised individual, pragmatic and ecumenical uses of limited facilities and resources.

The Rev. Fredrick Dennis, rector of St. Luke's Church in Saranac Lake, N.Y., said, "The ecumenical movement tends to grow from bottom up, rather than top down." His parish has had an "informal covenant" with the Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity, which meets at St. Luke's, for more than 10 years. On the secular level, Fr. Dennis said, "We rent space to them." Episcopalians and Lutherans worship together twice yearly, on Maundy Thursday evening and the fourth Sunday of Advent. They use either the Lutheran or the Episcopal liturgy entirely; mixing them, Fr. Dennis said, "leaves everyone a little hungry."

The two congregations cooperate on several community projects, especially the yearly Strawberry Festival, a strawberries-and-ice-cream feast held on Independence Day.

Fr. Dennis said Saranac Lake is "the most ecumenical town I've ever worked in." The Ecumenical Council, consisting of the Lutheran, Episcopal, Methodist, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic ("very large") and Christian Science ("very small") churches sponsor the CROP walk, a food pantry, and a January "good old-fashioned pulpit swap." At Christmas and at Easter, the clergy meet in Fr. Dennis'



Fr. Schriber with Lutheran acolyte Wendi Ghent at Grace Church, Whiteville, N.C.

study to broadcast readings and hymns over the radio.

Fr. Dennis said the ecumenical spirit would continue even with new clergy. "The laity expect it," he said.

In Price, Utah, the Rev. Bryant Bechtold serves one congregation of about 150 members, comprised since the late 1970s of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church and Ascension Lutheran Church. Both congregations were small; they progressed "from sharing Christian education and youth activities to finances, to worship."

Fr. Bechtold alternates Lutheran and Anglican services. The group has joint bylaws and constitution, but Fr. Bechtold said he must maintain two separate rosters. "I have to sort out how much Lutherans and Episcopalians give, for parochial reports," he said. "Some parishioners don't know who's which." The bishops of both the Rocky Mountain

Synod and the Diocese of Utah are very supportive.

Fr. Bechtold said he once performed an Episcopal baptism during a Lutheran service. "It was a Lutheran Sunday," and the couple were Episcopalians. They chose the Episcopal baptism.

This sort of sharing may be the way of the future in small towns, Fr. Bechtold said. He mentioned the Concordat of Agreement between the Episcopal and Lutheran churches: "Unfortunately we've gotten theologians involved. The person in the pew is interested in practical things — sacraments, Christian education. The bottom line is we're all gathered together as one to worship Jesus."

The Rev. Robert Schriber said of Lutherans of the Church of Christ the King in Whiteville, N.C., "They worship with us." Grace Church, of which he is rector, is "an Episcopal Church with
(Continued on next page)

Patricia Wainwright is an editorial assistant at THE LIVING CHURCH.

LUTHERANS

(Continued from previous page)

members." In 1984, the Lutheran Church in America would have closed Christ the King had not the Lutheran bishop appealed to the Rt. Rev. B. Sidney Sanders, Episcopal Bishop of East Carolina. The present combined congregation is small, with 5-6 active Lutheran members and 50-75 Episcopalians. While the Lutherans cannot vote in parish elections or serve on the vestry, "we solicit their opinions, their input. I can't recall any act of the vestry the Lutherans would have opposed." The official Lutheran representative to the vestry is Connie Ghent, who has been parish treasurer since 1985. "She's going to retire this year — let someone else have a crack at it," Fr. Schriber said.

According to the Rev. Mark Menees, Bishop of the North Carolina Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, there are several places in the state where "Lutherans are cared for by Episcopal priests while maintaining their Lutheran identity."

"I like these places," Bishop Menees said. "They color outside the lines." He feels these unions help each church to define itself and provide "a broader view of the church catholic. They keep us from getting too parochial."

On the reservations of South Dakota, the diocese and the ELCA synod formalized "companion relationships" three years ago. The Rev. James Pearson, a sort of modern circuit rider with four churches at Lower Brule, Chamberlain, and Crow Creek, described the Episcopal Church on the reservations as "a church on welfare — half of our funds come from the

national church." About four years ago, Fr. Pearson and the Rev. David Winterfeldt, a Lutheran pastor, discussed the possibility of these churches serving as training grounds for seminarians. The idea became the Lakota/Dakota Shared Ministry. (The two clergymen called it "Lutepisc.")

Linda Vork is the fourth Lutheran intern to serve and live on the Lower Brule Reservation. As Lutheran seminarians serve an internship between their second and third years, they are able to become much more involved than could

Episcopal students available for perhaps three months. Ms. Vork lives next to the church; she says Morning Prayer each Sunday, with Fr. Pearson celebrating the Eucharist two or three times a month. Her work is supervised by both Fr. Pearson and a Lutheran minister. "The three of us work so well together," she said. The Episcopal diocese provides for the intern's housing needs, while the Lutheran synod pays the stipend.

Fr. Pearson and Randy Reinartz, diocesan executive officer, explained that the Episcopal Church has served the reservations for a long time, while the Lutheran Church had "a greater off-reservation presence." Instead of bringing another denomination onto the reservations, Fr. Pearson said, Lutherans suggested to the Episcopal bishop, "Let us work with you." "It was a natural," Fr. Pearson said. "We didn't have enough pastoral support to give — we're spread too thin."

The new church building on the Lower Brule has just been completed, and landscaping is underway. The construction of the church has brought great fellowship, Fr. Pearson said. Initially the Episcopalians on the reservation asked, "What's a Lutheran? Why are they coming here?"

"They learned that Lutherans are the ones who help us put shingles on the roof. They laugh with us, they bring food — they're people just like us."



St. Luke's Church, Saranac Lake, N.Y., shares its building with an ELCA congregation.



Members of the Lutheran-Episcopal fellowship in Price, Utah.

The Shared Pastorate

Necessity leads to a new kind of ministry

By JOHN M. FLANIGEN, JR.

The ministry of the Rev. David Holsinger, vicar of the Church of the Redeemer in Salmon, Idaho, may be a sign of the future church. Fr. Holsinger's ministry in Salmon is not similar to that found in every small, rural, town, nor is it unique. Fr. Holsinger is not only vicar of Church of the Redeemer, he is also pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Salmon, a position which accords him seat, voice and vote in the councils of the Presbyterian Church.

Salmon, Idaho, county seat of Lemhi County, is located south of the Idaho-Montana border that runs east and west, population about 3,000. It is situated on the banks of the Salmon River, which was dubbed "the river of no return" by explorers Lewis and Clark. It is more than 60 miles north on winding, mountain road to Hamilton, Mont., and is about 160 miles south and east over open desert to Idaho Falls. This isolation mandates that the business and mercantile community of Salmon be far more complete than one would expect in a small town. The primary economic resources of Salmon are bean warehousing, ranching and some tourism.

There are at least three unpleasant facts of life confronting Church of the Redeemer and First Presbyterian. First, it is impossible for both to pay their pastor the minimum stipend demanded by their judicatories. Second, distances and isolation from other churches are increasing as communities die and churches are closed. It is 160 miles to the nearest Episcopal and Presbyterian colleague. Third, judicatories are giving less and less financial support for small congregations. Hence, if you cannot pay for it, you cannot have it. This is the invitation to do something that has never been done before, to the glory of God.

It was the Rt. Rev. John S. Thornton, Bishop of Idaho, who initiated this new ministry, by contacting the authorities of



Fr. Holsinger

the Presbyterian Church, and suggesting the possibility of this shared pastorate. This concept was welcomed by members of Redeemer, First Presbyterian and Fr. Holsinger. In due, but short, order, more than a year ago, arrangements for this dual pastorate were completed.

On a recent visit to Salmon I met Fr. Holsinger's brother, the Rev. Paul Holsinger, ordained, non-parochial Baptist pastor/cowboy poet. Both men said: "I ride for the breed, not the brand." That is, their first loyalty and accounting is to the whole "body of which Jesus Christ is the head and all baptized persons are the members." Both are willing to do new things to make this body a reality to more people. This does not mean they are uncaring about the worship, doctrine and customs of the churches which ordained them.

On the Sunday of my visit, I assisted Fr. Holsinger in the Eucharist at Redeemer and attended services in the Presbyterian church. I was quickened by the lesson in our lectionary for the day, Jonah, that reluctant prophet who got into a "whale of a lot of trouble" because he

did not want to obey God and go convert the people of Nineveh. The lesson in the Presbyterian lectionary that morning was Exodus 16: 2-15, which describes the Israelites' criticism of Moses for leading them out of Egypt to the wilderness. I addressed both congregations, noting they were doing something that Jonah and the Israelites were quite reluctant to do: trying something new to the glory of God.

Both congregations are well blessed in terms of physical property. Church of the Redeemer, organized in 1878, has a gem of a building, built in 1903 of stone, Gothic in design, with seating for 100, and situated on a grassy lot with large trees. The parish house is a separate building with a large meeting room, kitchen, several smaller rooms, all well used. There is also a rectory on the property which is used by Fr. Holsinger.

Church membership is about 100, with about 30 in regular attendance at the Sunday Eucharist. The annual budget is about \$34,000.

One Sunday per month, a small group drives the 120 miles round trip from Challis, Idaho, to Redeemer for the Eucharist. Public school administrator/teacher Jim and Carol Espy and their children; Admiral Robert Chewning and his wife Ginny; Mrs. Harriet Richmond, widow of an Episcopal priest (they were missionaries in Africa), make this trek consistently, and lead services in Challis on the other Sundays.

First Presbyterian Church has a membership of about 40, with about 20 in regular attendance on Sunday mornings. The annual budget is about \$22,000. The church is a white frame building, loved by the members. There is also an annex which is now being used for counseling and other public health services.

In talking with the members of both congregations, I heard nothing but praise for this new ministry. At Redeemer, Bob Perry, senior warden, expressed complete accord with this shared pastorate. Mrs. Juanita Gehovic, a member, said the shared pastorate is a very good move, and she sees no problem that cannot be resolved. Treasurer Fran Cooper declared it "a wonderful thing."

Presbyterians Luke and Dorice Prange support Fr. Holsinger and his ministry with their congregation wholeheartedly. Members Bob and Jan Blackadar are delighted with the arrangement.

It is clear that no one is willing to surrender denominational loyalty; nor is anyone willing to see their church closed because financial support for their witness for Christ in the community is drying up. The shared pastorate has ensured the continuation of vital ministry.

The Rev. John M. Flanigen, Jr. is a retired priest who is TLC correspondent for the Diocese of Idaho.

EDITORIALS

Ecumenical Success

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, observed from Jan. 18-25, goes almost unnoticed in most of the Episcopal Church. This week, extending from the feast of the Confession of St. Peter through the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, is an appropriate time to emphasize ecumenical activities. That is reason in itself why little attention is given to this observance by Episcopalians.

While the Episcopal Church continues to participate in ecumenical dialogue with other churches at the national level, it is at the grass roots, or local level, where the most effective ministries with other churches take place. This issue includes a brief look at some ecumenical endeavors in small communities which have proven to be successful. For example, in Idaho, an Episcopal priest serves both his own congregation and a Presbyterian church [p. 9]. Another article looks at some joint efforts between Episcopalians and Lutherans, perhaps the most common of ecumenical activities in which this church is involved [p. 7].

Many church members are outwardly in favor of ecumenical involvement, but few participate. Aside from becoming involved in joint ministries like community food pantries or ministerial associations, few of us get a chance to participate in any meaningful endeavor. As for dialogue, we usually leave that to others.

Ecumenical dialogue can be a valuable activity on any level. When members of churches which confess the same Lord become involved in conversations, each can get to know the

other better. We may find that we didn't know what the other church teaches, and we might realize we can learn from one another.

Jesus established one church. As it spread to various parts of the world, it began to take on various characteristics of the local culture, and eventually we had many churches rather than one. Through ecumenical dialogue and involvement, we may find that through baptism, we are together as members of the body of Christ. In living the gospel together, we are likely to find we have more in common than we realize.

Valuable Meetings

This is the time of year when annual meetings are held in many congregations. If you've never been to one, perhaps this is a good year to attend. For newcomers, those who attend church only occasionally, or for persons considering membership in a parish, an annual meeting can provide valuable information about a church and its leaders. For example, the report of the rector or vicar can reveal much about the pastoral leader's hopes for the future of the parish. Reports from various committees, whether presented orally or in writing, give us some insight about what kinds of ministry may take place in that congregation. Elections to the vestry or other positions provide an opportunity to ensure that future leadership is in good hands.

While the church is not a democracy, this is an opportunity for its members to participate in the decision-making process. It's a good time to get involved.

VIEWPOINT

Getting at the Real Issue

By GORDON T. CHARLTON

During the 1991 General Convention, the inability of the members of the House of Bishops to deal amicably and effectively with the thorny issue of homosexuality led to several extraordinary executive sessions. That convention has been followed by three special meetings of the house devoted to prayer, Bible study and small-group discussions. During the same period, a church-wide study of sexuality has been conducted.

It is to be hoped that these measures will serve to clarify the issues before us and to inform those who must make the necessary decisions. The decisions, however, remain to be made and they must

and will be made by parliamentary process in the political arena of General Convention. One hopes for greater civility and decorum in this year's convention in Indianapolis, but the divisions within the fellowship remain deep and passionate.

Power Struggle

The greatest danger we face in deciding whether or not to bless same-sex unions is that we will act, not by means of consensus on clearly thought-out theological principles, but by means of a power struggle between the forces of "conservatism" versus those of a coalition of "oppressed minorities" and their sympathizers, the arguments being focused not on God's will, but on our own emotional concerns, on current secular mores, and on scientific and sociological data of dubious value and no relevance to the theological question.

Our greatest need, as we enter the next round of the debate, is to think clearly and to keep focused on the real issue. What follows is one person's attempt to do this.

The question is properly expressed as follows: Shall the Episcopal Church pronounce God's blessing on same-sex unions? This wording is important because we must keep clearly in mind the fact that it is God who blesses while we merely pronounce the same. In doing this, we are assuring people of God's approval and affirmation of that which is blessed, and it follows that we may do this properly only when we are sure we have adequate warrant to do so.

This means questions of genetics, psycho-sexual development, justice and compassionate treatment for the unfortunate are pertinent only when, and to the extent that, they shed light on the main question, which is what sort(s) of sexual
(Continued on page 14)

The Rt. Rev. Gordon T. Charlton is retired Suffragan Bishop of Texas. He resides in Pittsboro, N.C.

Innovative Episcopal Resources from Oxford

NEW THIS FALL

The New Revised Standard Version with Apocrypha/ The Episcopal Book of Common Prayer (1979 edition)

This unique volume combines in one compact edition the 1979 revision of *The Episcopal Book of Common Prayer* with the finest new translation of the Bible.

- Convenient, contemporary, elegant, and durable.
- Unique *Book of Common Prayer* type face is larger than the average, making it easier to read.
- Available in a variety of styles and colors.
- All styles include a Family Record section containing Baptism, Confirmation, and Marriage certificates.

Available Mid-November

2,624pp., 5 5/8" x 8 1/8", thickness: 1 13/16"

Cloth edition (9800AP): burgundy, \$49.95.

Bonded leather editions (9811AP): available in black, burgundy—\$80.00

Bonded leather button flap (9811APB): available in black, burgundy—\$85.00

Genuine leather editions (9814AP): available in black, burgundy—\$95.00



and the LORD has blessed you wherever I turned. But now when shall I provide for my own household also?" 31 He said, "What shall I give you?" Jacob said, "You shall not give me anything: if you

Type sample-Bible section

Merciful God, who didst send to preach repentance and prepare Give us grace to heed their war

Type sample-Prayer Book section

THE FINEST EDITIONS

The Episcopal Book of Common Prayer 1979 editions

- The complete authorized 1979 Prayer Book.
- The most elegant, durable, and slimmest editions.
- Available in personal size and large print editions.
- All editions include a Family Record section containing Baptism, Confirmation, and Marriage certificates.

Through thy dearly beloved Son after his glorious resurrection and disciples; and in their sight a scen

Type sample-Personal Size

Almighty God, give us gr works of darkness, and f in the time of this mortal

Type sample-Large Print

Available Now

Cloth and leather editions, 1,024pp.

Personal Size Editions 4 3/8" x 6"

7400 cloth black, blue, red 19.95

7402 imit. leather black, blue, red, white 29.95

7414 gen.leather black, burgundy, blue,

dusty rose, gray, and white 45.00

7419 morocco leather black, red 70.00

Large Print Editions 5 7/8" x 8 1/4"

7700 buckram cloth burgundy, blue 45.00

7714 gen. leatherblack, blue, red 69.95

Available at these fine bookstores:

The Cathedral Bookstore

1220 W. Fourth Street
Los Angeles, CA 90017
213-482-2040 ext.228

The Cathedral Shop

1047 Amsterdam Avenue
New York, New York 10025
212-222-7200

Cokesbury Bookstores

Books, Bibles, and
Church Resources
1-800-672-1789

Cowley & Cathedral Bookstore

28 Temple Place
Boston, MA 02111
800-472-4428

Education Liturgy Resources

140 College Station
Oxford, N.C. 27565
919-693-5547

Episcopal Bookstore

27 Roy Street
Seattle, Washington 98109
206-284-3600

The Episcopal Book

Resource Center
New York, NY 10017
800-334-7626

Family Bookstore (129)

Cordova Mall, Space K-1001
5100 N. Ninth Avenue
Pensacola, Florida 32504-8735
904-474-9324

Family Bookstore (86)

South Park Mall #212
500 -16th Street
Moline, Illinois 61265-7057
800-742-3709

Interfaith Books and Gifts

37 Old Courthouse Square
Santa Rosa, Calif. 95404
707-525-8221

Logos Bookstore of Austin

Austin, TX 78731
in Austin: 512-467-9211
nationwide: 800-899-8088

Logos of Dallas

6620 Snider Plaza
Dallas, Texas 75205
214-369-3245

Logos of Westwood

10884 Weyburn Avenue
Los Angeles, California 90024
310-208-5432

Morehouse-Barlow Bookstore

78 Danbury Road
Wilton, CT 06887
800-424-4874

St. Bede's Books

4 East University Parkway
Baltimore, MD 21218
410-243-1727

St Francis Book Center

427 S. Foster Drive
Baton Rouge, LA 70808
504-926-1216

St Mary's Bookstore and

Church Supply
1909 West End Avenue
Nashville, TN 37203
800-233-3604

Tattered Cover

2955 East First Avenue
Denver, Colorado 80206
303-322-7727
800-833-9327

Theological Book Service

7373 S. Lovers Lane Road
Franklin, Wisconsin 53132
800-558-0580 (U.S. & Canada)

Trinity Bookstore

74 Trinity Place
New York, New York 10006
In NYC & LI 212-602-9689

Rest of US 800-551-1220

Viva Bookstore
8407 Broadway
San Antonio, TX 78209
210-826-1143

OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS

SHORT and SHARP

By TRAVIS DU PRIEST

THE NEW TESTAMENT IS IN GREEK: A Short Course for Exegetes. By L. William Countryman. Eerdmans. Pp. 208. \$14.99 paper.

In the old days, this would have been called a primer. It is a step-by-step introduction into the Greek language for those who want to read the Greek text of the N.T. and to follow discussions in commentaries. Begins with the basics of the alphabet, pronunciation and punctuation and moves on to grammar and vocabulary in later "lessons." Simple — well, maybe I mean, clearly stated — assignments follow each lesson. Do I dare make this one my Lenten discipline?

THE COLLECTED WORKS OF G.K. CHESTERTON. Volume XIV: Short Stories, Fairy Tales, Mystery Stories and Illustrations. Compiled by Denis J. Conlon. Ignatius. Pp. 802. No price given, paper.

The word voluminous would not be inappropriate. Chesterton wrote and wrote and wrote. Here for the died-in-the-wool "fan" are the stories and "juvenilia." Don't miss "The Evolution of Demons," illustrations showing the evolving size and character of demons. What a wit!

LIFE PASSAGES FOR MEN: Understanding the Stages of a Man's Life. By E. James Wilder. Servant. Pp. 222. No price given, paper.

Okay, it's very trendy. But I do find this one well balanced between solid counseling and biblical citation. Dr.

Wilder, of Shepherd's House in Van Nuys, Calif., understands rites of passage in general and the search for connectedness that challenges men in particular.

THE OXFORD MOVEMENT AND ITS LEADERS: A Bibliography of Secondary and Lesser Primary Sources. Supplement. ATLA Bibliography Series, No. 24. By Lawrence N. Crumb. Scarecrow (P.O. Box 4167, Metuchen, NJ 08840). Pp. 320. \$37.50.

Citing his year-long sabbatical, computer technology, and the original cut-off date of 1983 for his first volume (published in 1988), Fr. Crumb, Episcopal priest and librarian at the University of Oregon, convinces us easily of the need for this Supplement. Adds numerous titles and authors to an important topic in Anglican church history, liturgics, theology and culture. Prefaced with a fascinating "What if" list of events comprising a "Non-Chronology of the Oxford Movement" — a bit of creative speculation from this imminent church bibliographer.

A DOCUMENTARY HISTORY OF RELIGION IN AMERICA TO THE CIVIL WAR. Edited by Edwin S. Gaustad. **A DOCUMENTARY HISTORY OF RELIGION IN AMERICA SINCE 1865.** Edited by Edwin S. Gaustad. Eerdmans. Pp. 556 each. \$24.99 each, paper.

These two collections of primary documents (a 1493 papal bull, the Edict of Nantes, Joseph Smith's Revelation on Plural Marriage) are now in their second editions. The earlier volume has chapters on England and colonial Anglicanism; the latter, documents from Bishop Huntington of Central New York and others.

FROM SACRIFICE TO CELEBRATION: A Lenten Journey. By Evan Drake Howard. Judson (P.O. Box 851, Valley Forge, PA 19482). Pp. 96. \$9 paper.

Each chapter shows a biblical character who moves from "boredom to bonding." Pastor Howard takes this tack because of the ironic media-blitzed boredom of our age. Seven meditations for Lent and Easter Day, each based on a gospel text.

AN IMPORTANT QUESTION AND ANSWER

- Q. *Why do we call the Holy Scriptures the Word of God?*
 A. *We call them the Word of God because God inspired their human authors and because God still speaks to us through the Bible (BCP, 853). Helping people hear the Lord through the Bible is the special ministry of . . .*

THE REV'D DR. EVERETT FULLAM



To subscribe to twelve monthly tapes of biblical teachings, send us your complete name and mailing address, telephone and check for \$48.00 (\$68.00 US for outside the country) made out to Everett Fullam, Post Office Box 6555, Deltona, FL 32728 (407)860-2282. For a free catalog of Dr. Fullam's tapes, books, and videos please write or call.

BERLIN Ecumenical Seminar

August 20-29, 1994

The Wall is Down! Interest is Up!

Lectures, day trips, meeting East & West at the Evangelische Akademie near Potsdam.

Price covers housing, meals, excursions, lectures

Another Unique Event From INTERNATIONAL SEMINARS

106 SO. FRALEY ST. KANE, PA 16735
 Phone 814/837-9178



THE MISSION BOOKSTORE
 KEMPER GIFT SHOP
 NASHOTAH HOUSE
 NASHOTAH, WI 53058

Fast phone/mail order service on a wide selection of titles. Clergy and church discounts available. MasterCard and VISA accepted.

1-800-627-4682

When writing to advertisers, please tell them you saw their ad in THE LIVING CHURCH.

Buying Books: We hope you find the book reviews in the magazines interesting and helpful. Books reviewed in TLC are not for sale through this magazine.

CHURCH SERVICES NEAR COLLEGES

COLLEGE students need to be remembered. Do you have a son or daughter at a college listed here? Is there a man or woman from your parish at one of these institutions? If so, forward the task of the church by helping it to carry on its college work efficiently and effectively. Write the student, providing the name of the chaplain as listed here. Write also to the chaplain.

Refer to Key on page 16.

ALABAMA
TUSKEGEE UNIV. Tuskegee
ST. ANDREW'S
The Rev. Liston A. Garfield, r
Sun 11. Wed 12:05
701 Montgomery Rd.

INDIANA
PURDUE UNIV. West Lafayette
EPISCOPAL CAMPUS MINISTRY
435 W. State St. 47906-3540 (317) 743-1347
The Rev. Peter J. Bunder, c
Sun HC 8:30, 10:30. Lutheran/Anglican Dinner 5:30

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME South Bend
INDIANA UNIVERSITY-South Bend
CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. JAMES 117 N. Lafayette Blvd.
The Very Rev. Frederick E. Mann, Dean; the Rev. Joseph P. Illes, d
Sun H Eu: 8, 10; Adult Ed 9; Mon-Wed-Fri H Eu 12:05

KANSAS
UNIV. OF KANSAS Lawrence
CANTERBURY HOUSE/ST. ANSELM'S CHAPEL
1116 Louisiana (913) 843-8202
The Rev. Joe Alford, chap
Sun H Eu 5: Thurs H Eu 12 noon, Danforth Chapel, KU

LOUISIANA
LOUISIANA STATE UNIV. Baton Rouge
ST. ALBAN'S CHAPEL
The Rev. Charles A. Wood, chap
Sun 10:30, 6; Mon-Fri 11:45
Dairyple & Highland

SOUTHERN UNIV. Baton Rouge
ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS'
The Rev. Gary E. A. Lawler, v; the Rev. Floyd L. Knox, ass't
H Eu; Sun 11; Wed 6; Fri 12:15. Canterbury Club info (504) 357-8852
1666 77th Ave.

MARYLAND
JOHNS HOPKINS UNIV.; LOYOLA COLLEGE; NOTRE DAME COLLEGE
CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION
4 E. University Parkway, Baltimore, MD 21218
The Very Rev. Van H. Gardner, Dean; Ms. Patricia Clagett, campus chap (410) 467-3750
Sun: 8 H Eu, 8:45 Light Breakfast; 9:15 Adult Ed; 10:30 H Eu, Sun School (Nursery-12). Mon-Fri MP 8:45; Tues H Eu noon; Thurs 4:45 Community Eu for Peace and reconciliation (Taize)

MASSACHUSETTS
SMITH COLLEGE Northampton
ST. JOHN'S
The Rev. James G. Munroe, r; the Rev. Patricia M. Collier, c
Sun HC 8 & 10. Student Fellowship—Tues noon (HC & lunch)
48 Elm St.

MINNESOTA
UNIV. OF MINNESOTA Minneapolis/St. Paul
UNIVERSITY EPISCOPAL CENTER
317 17th Ave., S.E., Minneapolis 55414 (612) 331-3552
The Rev. David Selzer, chap
Sun Eu 6. FAX (612) 627-9450

MISSISSIPPI
UNIV. OF MISSISSIPPI Oxford
ST. PETER'S
Sun 8, 11, 5:30. Wed 12:00 noon, 5:30
113 S. Ninth St.

MISSOURI
SOUTHWEST MISSOURI STATE UNIV.
EPISCOPAL CAMPUS MINISTRY
The Ecumenical Center, 680 S. Florence, Springfield 65807
Susan Carrell, chap

NEBRASKA
HASTINGS COLLEGE Hastings
ST. MARK'S PRO-CATHEDRAL
The Very Rev. John P. Bartholomew, dean; the Rev. Fr. Karl E. Marsh, ass't
Sun Eu 8, 10; Mon Eu 7; Wed Eu 10
5th & Burlington 462-4126

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA Lincoln
ST. MARK'S ON THE CAMPUS
The Rev. Don Hanway, v & chap
Sun Eu 8:30, 10:30, 5 Tues 12:30

NEW MEXICO
COLLEGE OF SANTA FE Santa Fe
ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE
CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAITH
The Rev. Canon Philip Wainwright, r
HC Sun 8, 9:15, 11. HC Wed 7, Thurs & Fri 12:10
311 E. Palace Ave.

UNIV. OF NEW MEXICO Albuquerque
ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY / Canterbury Campus Ministry
425 University, N.E. 87106
The Rev. Carole McGowan
H Eu; Sun 8, 10, 5. Wed noon. Student dinner Sun 6
(505) 247-2515

NEW YORK
SKIDMORE COLLEGE Saratoga Springs
BETHESDA CHURCH
The Rev. Thomas T. Parke, r & chap
Sun 6:30, 8 & 10
Broadway at Washington St.

OHIO
WITTENBERG UNIV. Springfield
CHRIST CHURCH
The Rev. Ruth Partlow, co-r; the Rev. Robert Partlow, co-r
Sun H Eu 8, 10:30. Wed 10
409 E. High St. (513) 323-8651

PENNSYLVANIA
SUSQUEHANNA UNIV. Selingsgrove
ALL SAINTS
Sun Mass 10:30. Weekdays as anno
129 N. Market (717) 374-8289

SOUTH CAROLINA
UNIV. OF SOUTH CAROLINA Columbia
CANTERBURY FELLOWSHIP
TRINITY CATHEDRAL
The Rev. Rich Biega, chap
Sun 8, 9:15, 11:30. Second Sun Eu & Supper 5:30. Daily services also
1100 Sumter St.

BLOOMSBURG UNIV. OF PA.
ST. PAUL'S
Bruce M. Robison, r
Sun H Eu 8 & 10. Wed H Eu 9:30
E. Main at Iron, Bloomsburg (717) 784-3316

TEXAS
BAYLOR UNIVERSITY Waco
BAYLOR CANTERBURY ASSOCIATION
The Rev. Robert L. Wells, chap
Sun 6; Wed 5:15. Canterbury House open 8 to 10 daily
1712 S. 10th St.

SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIV. Huntsville
EPISCOPAL STUDENT CENTER
Fr. Jim Sproat, chap
Sun 6 Mass & Meal. Wed 6 Compline & Bible Study
1614 University Ave. (409) 295-3988

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIV. Dallas
ST. ALBAN'S COLLEGIATE CHAPEL
The Rev. Joseph K. Acton, chap
3308 Daniel, Dallas, TX 75205 Ph. (214) 363-2911
Sun H Eu 5 (followed by dinner). Wed H Eu 12:15 (followed by lunch)

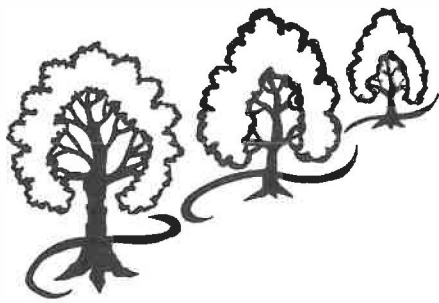
VIRGINIA
RANDOLPH-MACON WOMAN'S COLLEGE Lynchburg
ST. JOHN'S
Sun H Eu 7:45, 9, 11; Christian Ed 10:10. Mon-Fri MP 9, Thurs H Eu 10:30
200 Boston Ave. (804) 528-1138

WASHINGTON & LEE VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE Lexington
R.E. LEE MEMORIAL CHURCH
The Rev. David Cox, r; the Rev. Barbara Taylor, assoc
Sun Eu 8:30, 10:30, 5. Wed 12:15

WASHINGTON
UNIV. OF WASHINGTON Seattle
CHRIST CHURCH—Canterbury
1305 N.E. 47th St. (206) 633-1611
The Rev. Stephen Garratt, chap.
Sun H Eu 8, 10, 11:30. Wed 11:30, 7. Student Fellowship Wed 7:45

The Church Services Near Colleges Directory is published in all of the January and September issues of THE LIVING CHURCH.

If your church serves in a college community, and your listing is not included, please write to the Advertising Manager for the nominal rates.



YES! Please Begin My Subscription to The Living Church

Discover the only magazine that the clergy and active laity count on for weekly news about the Episcopal Church. Subscribe now to THE LIVING CHURCH and receive the magazine that has been serving Episcopalians for 115 years. This *independent* national weekly news magazine will keep you informed with objective news reports, practical commentary and advice, letters reflecting the views of churchpeople, book reviews, and the People and Places column will keep you in touch with your friends around the country.

And, it's not too early to learn about the issues which will come before this year's General Convention. For only 76¢ a week, THE LIVING CHURCH will provide this and much more.

Subscribe today!

THE LIVING CHURCH
P.O. Box 92936
Milwaukee, WI 53202-0936

Please send me 52 weeks of THE LIVING CHURCH. I enclose my payment of \$39.50 (foreign postage \$15 additional).

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

LC 11694

VIEWPOINT (Continued from page 10)

relationship(s) God wishes to affirm, bless and see fostered and propagated among us? This leads of course, to another question: How does the Episcopal Church discern the purposeful will of God?

As everyone who reads must know by now, we seek God's will in holy scripture, in Christian tradition and in the application of reason to the understanding of these and of the rest of our experience. All must agree that (for whatever reasons) there is little or no affirmation of same-sex unions in either scripture or tradition, so the question is whether faithful reason

Reasons for
change must
be of a
theological
nature.

tells us there are overriding considerations of a theological nature, arising out of our contemporary experience, which will justify a radical departure from traditional practice.

Stress must be laid not only on the necessity that reasons for change be overridingly weighty, but also that they be of a theological nature. We must be persuaded that we know the mind of God on this matter better than any previous generation of Christians, including those of the apostolic period. It would be wrong, unworthy and potentially tragic if the church were to decide a matter of this nature and of such far-reaching consequences on any other grounds. Thus it must be stated again that data concerning current scientific hypotheses, opinions concerning rights and equity and feelings of anger or compassion are admissible in this debate only to the degree that they offer to provide some insight into God's intentions and desires concerning human behavior.

The question once again is, shall the Episcopal Church pronounce God's blessing on same-sex unions? As in all debates, the burden of proof lies upon those who argue for the affirmative.

PEOPLE and PLACES

Appointments

The Rev. **Stephen R. Billings** is director of chaplaincy services at Episcopal Community Services in the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

The Rev. **Susan Baker-Borjeson** is rector of St. Peter's, South Dartmouth, MA.

The Rev. **William M. Brock** is assistant of St. John's, Box 722, Fayetteville, NC 28302.

The Rev. **David Carl Buxo** is rector of St. Timothy's, 15820 Wyoming Ave., Detroit, MI 48238.

The Rev. **Todd Cederberg** is rector of St. Bartholomew's, 4810 Belmont Park Terrace, Nashville, TN 37215.

The Rev. **Robert Tingnal Jones Childers** is rector of St. Joseph's-on-the-Mountain, DeSota Parkway at Hwy 117, Mentone, AL 35984.

The Rev. **Joseph H. Chillington, III** is rector of St. Stephen's, 215 N. 7, Terre Haute, IN 47807.

The Rev. **Francis Lee Cutair** is rector of St. Thomas', Box 461, Oriental, NC 28571.

The Rev. **William E. Dornemann** is rector of Incarnation, 1505 Makefield Rd., Morrisville, PA 19067.

The Rev. **Jeffrey Allen Douglas** is rector of Holy Trinity, Box 819, Hampstead, NC 28443.

The Rev. **Thomas L. Ehrich** is rector of St. Paul's, Winston-Salem, NC; add: 520 Summit Ave., Winston-Salem 27101.

The Rev. **William Dunbar Evans, III** is curate of Ascension, 315 Clanton Ave., Montgomery, AL 36104.

The Rev. **Cyprian Fields** is rector of St. Luke's, 1222 N. Dorgenois, New Orleans, LA 70119.

The Rev. **Randal Foster** is rector of Messiah, Rockingham, and vicar of All Saints', Hamlet, NC; add: 143-E Hartley Dr., High Point, NC 27265.

Deaths

The Rev. **Robert H. Bonner**, former director of stewardship for the national church, died of brain cancer on Oct. 29. He was 62.

Fr. Bonner was born in Corpus Christi, Texas. He received his BA degree from the University of Houston in 1971. He then attended the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, TX. He served many parishes in the Diocese of Texas including St. David's, Hondo, 1959-1963; St. Francis', Victoria, 1963-1969; St. Mark's, Houston, 1969-1970; St. Francis', Temple, 1970-1977; and Trinity, Baytown, 1976-1987. He retired in 1992. He was honored by the Seminary of the Southwest on the day before his death with the Hal Perry Distinguished Alumnus Award. Fr. Bonner is survived by his wife, Donna, two sons and a daughter.

The Rev. **Samuel C. W. Fleming**, retired priest of the Diocese of South Carolina, died Sept. 9 at the age of 78.

Fr. Fleming was born in Baltimore, MD, and was a graduate of Baltimore City College, Johns Hopkins University and Virginia Theological Seminary. He was a Navy chaplain in World War II. He served churches in Maryland, Georgia, Florida and South Carolina. Fr. Fleming was a deputy to the General Convention from 1952 to 1964, and from 1970 to 1984. He was also president of the standing committee of the Diocese of South Carolina. He is survived by his wife, Laura, three daughters, four sons, three sisters and 19 grandchildren.

CLASSIFIED

advertising in **The Living Church** gets results.

BOOKS

ANGLICAN THEOLOGICAL BOOKS — scholarly, out-of-print — bought and sold. Send \$1 for catalog. **The Anglican Bibliopole, 858 Church St., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. (518) 587-7470.**

HERALDRY IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH. Fascinating heraldic history of the Episcopal Church. 600 illustrations, 156 pages, \$12.95. **Acorn Press, P.O. Box 5062, San Jose, CA 95150-5062.**

LITURGY, Theology, Music Ministry. Talley, Mitchell, Stevenson and others. Free catalog. **The Pastoral Press (202) 723-1254, 225 Sheridan St., NW, Washington, DC 20011-1492.**

CATECHUMENATE

CHRISTIAN FORMATION: A Twentieth-Century Catechumenate by the Rev. William Blewett, Ph. D., and Cris Fouse, M.A. Detailed, biblically-grounded process for conversion, commitment, growth. Highly commended by bishops, priests, seminary faculty, laity. Leaders' Manual \$65. Workbook \$25, postage and handling. Quantity discounts. **Christian Formation Press, 750 Knoll Road, Copper Canyon, TX 75067. (817) 455-2397 or (817) 430-8499.**

CHURCH FURNISHINGS

TRADITIONAL GOTHIC chapel chairs. Officiant chairs for modern churches. Custom crosses, altars, hymn boards, furniture, cabinets. **Oldcraft Woodworkers, Sewanee, TN 37375. (800) 662-4466 or (615) 598-0208.**

CHURCH MUSIC

ST. MICHAEL'S MASS, RITE II reprinted again! Send \$2.00 for packet w/accomp. and pew editions. **Benjamin Harrison, 6630 Nall Ave., Mission, KS 66202. FAX (913) 236-5268.**

INTERN PROGRAM

EPISCOPAL URBAN INTERN PROGRAM. Work in social service ministry, live in Christian community, share in spiritual formation. For adults 21-30. Apply now for the 1994-95 year. A program of the Diocese of Los Angeles. Contact: **The Rev. Gary Commins, 260 N. Locust St., Inglewood, CA 90301. (310) 674-7700.**

NEEDLEWORK

BEAUTIFUL NEEDLEPOINT KITS: Designs for kneelers, chair cushions, altar/pulpit paraments hand-painted on canvas, wool yarns supplied. You stitch, then we expertly upholster. We expertly clean, repair, restore existing needlepoint. **Divine Designs, Ltd., P.O. Box 47583, Indianapolis, IN 46247. (317) 783-1958.**

NEWSLETTERS

FREE FOR THE ASKING. Send a self-addressed stamped envelope and receive "The Wood Bridge Newsletter." **Anglo-Orthodox Mission, Box 6, Old Chatham, NY 12136.**

ORGANIZATIONS

CONTEMPLATING RELIGIOUS LIFE? Members of the Brotherhood and the Companion Sisterhood of Saint Gregory are Episcopalians, clergy and lay, married and single. To explore a contemporary Rule of Life, contact: **The Director of Vocations, Brotherhood of Saint Gregory, Saint Bartholomew's Church, 82 Prospect St., White Plains, NY 10606-3499.**

CATHOLIC-minded Episcopalians can affirm the authority of General Convention and support the Church's unity. Contact: **The Catholic Fellowship of the Episcopal Church, 2462 Wehh Ave., Bronx, NY 10468.**

CONCERNED by the profane attack on traditional faith and morality? We offer a place to stand. Join the **Episcopal Synod of America. 1-800-225-3661.**

POSITIONS OFFERED

PRIEST for chaplain/teacher in parish day school and some parish ministry beginning July 1, 1994. Contact: **The Rev. J. R. Peterson, St. John's Church, 906 S. Orleans Ave, Tampa, FL 33606.**

PROFESSIONAL YOUTH MINISTERS: Contact: **Betsy Paulson, Institute for Professional Youth Ministry, 1017 E. Robinson, Orlando, FL 32801. Phone: (407) 423-3567.**

PRIEST with an M.S.W. or equivalent. Special vocation to counseling and group work to community; share parish ministry. Contact: **The Rev. George W. Busler, St. Mark's Church, P.O. Box 887, Westhampton Beach, NY 11978; (516) 288-2111.**

NORTH FLORIDA GULF COAST congregation presents opportunity for semi-retired priest to serve as part-time vicar. Comfortable living in unique historic village within easy reach of many Florida attractions and larger communities. Further information: **The Rev. David Francoeur (904) 372-8506 or the Rev. Canon Arthur Spruill (904) 356-1328.** Interested parties send CDO and resume to: **Diocese of Florida, 325 Market St., Jacksonville, FL 32202.**

CHAPLAIN, full-time, diocesan-funded Episcopal chaplain, M.I.T., from summer 1994: Prepared for theological/scientific dialog in a strongly secular institution. Liturgical and pastoral responsibilities for M.I.T. community. For job description and application information contact: **Professor William Orme-Johnson, Chair, Search Committee, Building 18-023, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA 92139 or e-mail: WHOJ@MIT**

PROVERS

BULLETIN INSERTS with Sunday readings from the New English Bible. — **FREE SAMPLES** — **The Provers, P.O. Box 1143, Union City, NJ 07087.**

FOR RENT

ENGLAND—SCOTLAND—WALES. Delightful fully equipped rental cottages, houses, etc., all personally inspected. Illustrated literature upon receipt \$3.75 refundable upon booking. We want you to enjoy our homeland. **Pat and Peter Trodd, Heart of England Cottages, Inc., P.O. Box 878, Eufaula, AL 36072.**

FOR SALE

EPISCOPAL CHURCH SIGNS — Aluminum, familiar colors, single and double face, economical; brackets, too. For information: **Signs, St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church, 3413 Old Bainbridge Road, Tallahassee, FL 32303. (904) 562-1595.**

STOLES — Four traditional style Almy stoles; one festive stole; one portable sick call stole. All new! **(704) 252-8565.**

TRAVEL

TOUR ISRAEL, see the Holyland with Father Haddad, April 24, 1994, first class accommodations, most meals, biblical lectures, 11 days from JFK . . . \$2,298.00. Meet local Anglicans, visit Egypt and more. OR go with Mr. Mansfield February 8, 1995. 9 days \$1,498.00. Clergy credits. **Journeys Unlimited, 150 W. 28th St., New York, NY 10001. (800) 486-8359.**

TOUR ENGLISH CATHEDRALS, castles, and historic ships. Our chauffeur driven tours cost from \$550 excluding air fare. **Seasons Tours, 9 Abbots Green, Croydon, England, CRO 5BL.**

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING RATES

(payment with order)

- (A) 43 Cts. a word for one insertion; 39 cts. a word an insertion for 3 to 12 insertions; 37 cts. a word an insertion for 13 to 25 insertions; and 35 cts. a word an insertion for 26 or more insertions. Minimum rate per insertion, \$4.50.
- (B) Keyed advertisements, same rate as (A) above, add three words (for box number) plus \$3.30 service charge for first insertion and \$1.65 service charge for each succeeding insertion.
- (C) Resolutions and minutes of Church organizations: 34 cts. a word.
- (D) Copy for advertisements must be received at least 26 days before publication date.

THE LIVING CHURCH

816 E. Juneau Ave.

Milwaukee, Wis. 53202

Use the classified columns of

THE LIVING CHURCH

whenever you want

to BUY or SELL

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS

When requesting a change of address, please enclose old as well as new address. Changes must be received at least six weeks before they become effective.

When renewing a subscription, please return our memorandum bill showing your name and complete address. If the renewal is for a gift subscription, please return our memorandum bill showing your name and address as well as the name and address of the recipient of the gift.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Traveling? The parish churches listed here extend a most cordial welcome to visitors. When attending one of these services, tell the rector you saw the announcement in **THE LIVING CHURCH**.

PHOENIX, ARIZ.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH and SCHOOL 6300 N. Central Ave.
Canon Carlozzi, r. Fr. Poston; Bp. Harte; Rabbi Plotkin;
Canon Long; Canon McClain; S. Harvey-Cook, Sch. Hd.
Sun: 7:30; 10; 12; Sat 5:30; Wed 7 & 10. Day school Eu: Tues,
Thurs, Fri 8:05

WASHINGTON, D.C.

ST. PAUL'S 2430 K St., N.W.
The Rev. Dr. Richard Cornish Martin, r (202) 337-2020
Sun Mat 7:30, Masses 7:45, 9 (Sung & Ch S), 11:15 (Sol), Sol Ev
& B 6. Masses daily 7, Tues & Sat 9:30, Wed 6:15, Thurs 12 noon
HS, HD 12 noon & 6:15; MP 6:45, EP 6; C Sat 5-6

KEY BISCAYNE, MIAMI, FLA.

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S BY-THE-SEA 95 Harbor Dr.
The Rev. Bob Libby, r, the Rev. Allen Downey, assoc; Deacon
Carroll Mallin
Sun 8 & 10 H Eu; Wed 12 noon

RIVERSIDE, ILL.

(Chicago West Suburban)
ST. PAUL'S PARISH 60 Akenside Rd.
The Rev. Thomas A. Fraser, r
Sun Eu 8 & 10:15; Wkdy Eu Tues 7, Wed 7, Fri 10. Sacrament of
Reconciliation 1st Sat 4-4:30 & by appt

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
Monument Circle, Downtown
The Very Rev. Robert Giannini, dean
Sun 8 Eu, 9 Sung Eu, 10 Ch Ed, 11 Cho Eu

BOSTON, MASS.

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT 30 Brimmer St.
The Rev. Andrew C. Mead, r; the Rev. Jürgen W. Lias, the
Rev. Allen B. Warren, III, ass'ts
Sun Masses, 8, 9 (Sung), 11 (Sol). Daily: Mon-Fri 7:30, Mon &
Wed 6, Sat 9. MP: Mon-Fri 7, Sat 8:30, Sun 7:30. EP MON-
FRI 5:30

ALL SAINTS 209 Ashmont St., Dorchester
At Ashmont Station on the Red Line (617) 436-6370
The Rev. Richard S. Bradford, SSC, r
Masses: Sun 7:30 Low; 10 Solemn. Mon-Fri 7. Also Wed 10;
Sat 9

KANSAS CITY, MO.

OLD ST. MARY'S 1307 Holmes
The Very Rev. Bruce D. Rahtjen, Ph.D., r (816) 842-0975
Masses: Sun 8 Low; 10 Solemn; Daily, noon

ST. LOUIS, MO.

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL & ST. GEORGE Clayton
6345 Wydown at Ellenwood
The Rev. Kenneth J. G. Semon, Rector; the Rev. C. Frederick
Barbee, Vicar; the Rev. Steven W. Lawler, the Rev. William M.
North, the Rev. James D'Wolf
Sun Eu 8, 9:15, 11:15 (1S & 3S), 6; MP 11:15 (2S, 4S, 5S) fol-
lowed by HC 12:15. Sun Sch 9:15; Daily 7:30 & 5:30 ex Sat 8:30
& 4:30; Ev 5 (1S, Oct.-June)

KEY - Light face type denotes AM, bold face PM; add, address; anno, announced; A-C, Ante-Communion; appt., appointment; B, Benediction; C, Confessions; Cho, Choral; Ch S, Church School; c, curate; d, deacon, d.r.e., director of religious education; EP, Evening Prayer; Eu, Eucharist; Ev, Evensong; ex, except; 1S, 1st Sunday; hol, holiday; HC, Holy Communion; HD, Holy Days; HS, Healing Service; HU, Holy Unction; Instr, Instructions; Int, Intercessions; LOH, Laying On of Hands; Lit, Litany; Mat, Matins; MP, Morning Prayer; P, Penance; r, rector; r-em, rector emeritus; Ser, Sermon; Sol, Solemn; Sta, Stations; V, Vespers; v, vicar; YPF, Young People's Fellowship. A/C, air conditioned; H/C, handicapped accessible

NEWARK, N.J.

GRACE CHURCH 950 Broad St., at Federal Sq.
The Rev. Canon George H. Bowen, r
Sun Masses 8 & 10 (Sol); Mon-Fri 12:10 Sat 10; C Sat 11-12

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.

ST. MARY'S 1500 Chelwood Pk. Blvd., NE
The Rev. J. David Clark, r; the Rev. Canon James Daughtry
Masses: Sun 8 & 10:45 (Sung), Mon-Fri 7 (ex Wed 9:30 & 7). EP
Mon-Fri 5

LONG BEACH, N.Y.

ST. JAMES OF JERUSALEM BY-THE-SEA
W. Penn & Magnolia
St. James' Shrine, Gethsemane Cemetery, St. Rocco Pet
Cemetery
The Rev. Marlin Leonard Bowman, r Founded 1880
Sat 5, Sun 9 & 11 (Gregorian), Wed 7:30

NEW YORK, N.Y.

CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE
112th St. and Amsterdam Ave.
Sun: 8 Mat & HC; 9 HC & Homily; 9:30 La Santa Misa En Espa-
ñol; 11 HC & Sermon; 7 Cho V & Organ Meditation. Mon-Sat:
7:15 Mat & HC; 12:15 HC; 4:30 EP

EPISCOPAL CHURCH CENTER
CHAPEL OF CHRIST THE LORD 2nd Ave. & 43rd St.
The Rev. Donald A. Nickerson, Jr., chap
Daily Morning Prayer 8:45; H Eu 12:10

ST. MARY THE VIRGIN (212) 869-5830
145 W. 46th St. (between 6th & 7th Aves.) 10036
The Rev. Edgar F. Wells, r; the Rev. David L. Carlson, c
Sun Masses 9, 10, 11 (Sol & Ser) 5, MP 8:40, EP 4:45. Daily: MP
8:30 (ex Sat), noonday Office 12, Masses: 12:15 & 6:15 (ex Sat.)
Sat only 12:15, EP 6 (ex Sat), Sat only 5; C Sat 11:30-12, 4-5,
Sun 10:30-10:50, Maj HD 5:30-5:50

PARISH OF TRINITY CHURCH
The Rev. Daniel P. Matthews, D.D., Rector
The Rt. Rev. Herbert A. Donovan, Jr., Vicar

TRINITY Broadway at Wall
Sun H Eu 9 & 11:15. Daily H Eu (ex Sat) 8, 12:05; MP 7:45; EP
5:15. Sat H Eu 9.

ST. PAUL'S Broadway at Fulton
Sun H Eu 8

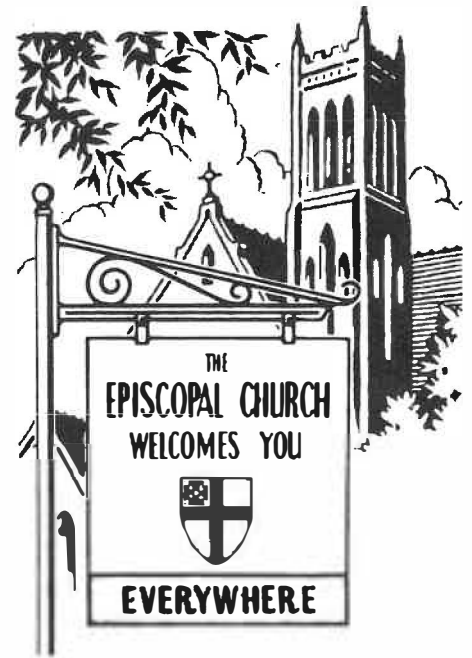
Trinity Bookstore, 74 Trinity Pl. Open Mon-Fri 9-5:30
Trinity Dining Room (open to the public) 74 Trinity Pl., 2nd
floor, Mon-Fri 8 to 2
Trinity Museum (in Trinity Church) open Mon-Fri 9-11:45,
1-3:45; Sat 10-3:45; Sun 1-3:45

STONY BROOK, N.Y.

ALL SOULS' Main St., Stony Brook Village
The Rev. Fr. Kevin P. VonGonten, v (516) 751-0034
Sun Eu 8 & 10 (Sept. thru June), 9 (July thru Aug.). Call for Chris-
tian Education information. HD as anno

GETTYSBURG, PA.

PRINCE OF PEACE MEMORIAL CHURCH
West High and Baltimore Sts. 17325 (717) 334-8463
The Rev. Dr. Michael G. Cole, r (717) 334-4205
Sun Eu 8 & 10:15. Tues 12 noon, Wed, 7, HD 7. C by appt



PHOENIXVILLE, PA.

ST. PETER'S 143 Church St.
The Rev. Thomas C. Wand, r
Sun H Eu 8, 10:15 (Sung); Tues H Eu 9, Thurs H Eu 7:30

PITTSBURGH, PA.

GRACE 319 W. Sycamore (412) 381-6020
The Rev. A. W. Klukas, Ph.D., v; the Rev. R. Spanos, perm d
Sun Eu 10 (Sol), Ev & B 5. MP Tues-Fri 9:30, H Eu & LOH Tues &
Wed 12 noon. HS Thurs 7:30. Sol Eu HD 7:30. C by appt

WHITEHALL, PA. (North of Allentown)

ST. STEPHEN'S 3900 Mechanicsville Rd.
Sun 8 Eu; 9:15 ChS; 10:30 Sung Eu; 12 YPF. Tues 9:30 HS, Wed
12:30, Thurs & Fri 7 HC. Bible & Prayer groups. 1928 BCP

DALLAS, TEXAS

CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW
5100 Ross Avenue 75206 (214) 823-8135
The Very Rev. Philip M. Duncan, II, D. Min., Dean; Canon
Roma A. King, Jr., Ph.D.; Canon Peggy Patterson; Canon
Juan Jimenez; the Rev. Trudie Smither; the Rev. William
Dockery; the Rev. Tom Cantrell
Sun Services 8 H Eu; 9:15 adult classes & Ch S; 10:15 Sung Eu;
12:30 Sung Eu (Spanish), 6:30 H Eu (Spanish)

INCARNATION 3966 McKinney Ave.
The Rev. Rex D. Perry, r; the Rev. Frank B. Bass; the Rev.
George R. Collina; the Rev. Frederick C. Philpott
Sun Eu 7:30, 9, 9:15, 11:15; Daily Eu 7 & 12 noon. Daily MP 6:45
& EP 5 (214) 521-5101

FORT WORTH, TEXAS

ST. ANDREW'S 10th and Lamar Sts. (Downtown)
Sun 8 HC, 9 MP (HC 1S), CS 9, 11 MP (HC 1S), 12:15 HC (ex
1S). 1928 BCP daily as anno. (817) 332-3191

MILWAUKEE, WIS.

ALL SAINTS CATHEDRAL 818 E. Juneau
The Rt. Rev. Patrick Matolengwe, dean 271-7719
Sun Masses 8, 10 (Sung). Daily as posted

PARIS, FRANCE

THE AMERICAN CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY TRINITY
23, Avenue George V, 75008 Tel. 011 331 47 20 17 92
The Very Rev. Ernest E. Hunt, III, D. Min., dean; the Rev. Ben-
jamin A. Shambaugh, M.Div.
Sun Services: 9 H Eu, 10 Sun School, 11 H Eu

A Church Services listing is a sound investment in the promotion of **church attendance** by all Church-people, whether they are at home or away from home. Write to our advertising department for full particulars and rates.