

St. Michael's Church, Trenton, N.J., prays for renewal

THE LIVING CHURCH

AN INDEPENDENT WEEKLY SERVING EPISCOPALIANS ♦ OCTOBER 14, 2001 ♦ \$2.00



I l l u m i n a t i o n s



Illuminations consists of brief introductions to the Sunday readings. Read by lectors, these prefaces help listeners understand the reading they are about to hear. *Contains entries for BOTH the Prayer Book and Revised Common Lectionaries

To subscribe with MC/VISA, CALL TOLL-FREE 1-877-822-8228 and mention the "lantern" ad.
ONLY \$70/YEAR — A Quarterly Publication

An independent weekly serving
Episcopalians since 1878

David A. Kalvelage
Executive Editor
Betty Glatzel
General Manager
John Schuessler
Managing Editor
Steve Waring
News Editor
Patricia C. Nakamura
Book and Music Editor
Amy Grau
Graphic Artist
Tom Parker
Advertising Manager
Barbara A. Pizzino
Circulation Manager
Renee Weber
Marketing/Promotion Director

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
The Rt. Rev. Donald M. Hultstrand
Alexandria, Minn. (President)
Miss Augusta D. Roddis
Marshfield, Wis. (Vice President)
The Rev. Jeffrey Steenson
Albuquerque, N.M. (Secretary)
Howard M. Tischler
Albuquerque, N.M. (Treasurer)
Leonard Campbell, Jr.
Milwaukee, Wis.
The Rev. Thomas A. Fraser III
Riverside, Ill.
Mrs. John Hayden
La Crosse, Wis.
Thomas Riley
Vienna, Va.
Miriam K. Stauff
Wauwatosa, Wis.

Editorial and Business offices:

816 E. Juneau Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53202-2793
Mailing address: P.O. Box 514036
Milwaukee, WI 53203-3436
Telephone: 414-276-5420
Fax: 414-276-7483
E-mail: tlc@livingchurch.org
www.livingchurch.org

MANUSCRIPTS AND PHOTOGRAPHS: 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. Periodicals postage paid at Milwaukee, WI.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES: \$39.50 for one year; \$54.60 for 18 months; \$70.72 for two years. Foreign postage an additional \$15.08 Canadian per year. All other foreign, \$24.96 per year.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to THE LIVING CHURCH, P.O. Box 514036, Milwaukee, WI 53203-3436.

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.

©2001 The Living Church Foundation, Inc. All rights reserved. No reproduction in whole or part can be made without permission of THE LIVING CHURCH.

Volume 223 Number 17



Cover: The congregation of St. Michael's uses a tombstone inscription for inspiration in its renewal efforts: "Every day holds the possibility of a miracle."

Left: At historic St. Michael's in Trenton, N.J., everyone helps.

Photos by Michael Mancuso/The Times of Trenton, N.J.

Features

9 They're Planning for Success

St. Michael's, Trenton, N.J., has survived three centuries and is eager for renewal.

BY LAWRENCE D. FISH, SR.

Opinion

- 11 From the Editor**
Kinder, Gentler for a Moment
- 12 Editorials**
Time for Family Prayer

- 13 Viewpoint**
Africa in the Battle for the World's Soul
BY ALDEN HATHAWAY
- 14 Letters**
How to Respond

News

- 6** The 2020 Clear Vision task force is about to present to the Executive Council its completed plan to double the size of the church.

Other Departments

- 4** Sunday's Readings
- 5** Books
- 17** People & Places

SOLID OAK CHOIR CHAIR



with:

FIBRE RUSH SEAT or
UPHOLSTERED SEAT

Pews•Chairs•Pew Refinishing•Cushions

R. Geissler Inc.

Since 1877

P.O. Box 432, Old Greenwich, CT 06870
Phone: (203) 637-5115



**Stewardship
Resources**

3750 East Douglas Avenue + Wichita, Kansas 67208
Phone: 316-686-0470 + Toll-free: 800-699-2669
Fax: 316-686-9102 + email: TENS@TENS.org
Website: <http://TENS.org>



The perfect gift for ordinations,
anniversaries and retirements

THE
**LIVING
CHURCH**

1-877-822-8228

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Gratitude and Devotion

'He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him.'

(Luke 17:16a)

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Oct. 14, 2001

Ruth 1:(1-7) 8-19a; Psalm 113; 2 Tim. 2:(3-7)8-15; Luke 17:11-19

It is a rare individual who has not had the delightful experience of attempting to call a longtime provider of services only to be greeted by an insufferable period of being placed on "hold." True, we are reminded repeatedly by a nondescript recorded voice that "your call is important to us," but somehow that has a pretty hollow ring to it. If one is fortunate enough to speak with a real human being, it's likely that the caller will be treated abruptly. A perfunctory and undoubtedly scripted "Thank you for calling" might end the interaction, but there is really no hint of gratitude for patronage, and one's devotion to the provider quickly wanes.

Our readings this week remind us of the value of genuine gratitude. The passage from Ruth describes how a Moabite woman, widowed and having lost her two sons to death, is unconditionally accepted as a family member by her mother-in-law, Naomi. The resulting devotion leads Ruth, a despised foreigner, to accompany Naomi into Israel where the Lord will eventually bless her greatly, even to the point of making her a progenitor of Christ.

The gospel relates how the Lord, as

a result of their pleading, miraculously cleanses 10 lepers (who were apparently not put on "hold" and reminded that their supplication was "important" to them). Only one, however — a despised Samaritan — returns to give thanks. It is hardly a stretch of the imagination to assume that this grateful foreigner was in some sense devoted to Jesus thereafter.

Finally, the author of the Second Letter to Timothy encourages the young Christian leader to remain steadfast in his service of those around him. Even if he must endure ridicule and possible imprisonment and even death, those to whom he ministers shall eventually gain gratitude and devotion as they inherit the promise of the kingdom.

Recorded or scripted expressions of thanks do little or nothing to engender devotion and loyalty. Neither does accepting acts of kindness by others as somehow our just due, not requiring gratitude. In fact, they appear to make most people angry. It is genuine and heartfelt thanksgiving for the mighty works of God which produce a life-long loyalty to the Lord and his Son, bringing with it the promise of life everlasting.

Look It Up

What is our ultimate hope in response to unconditional gratitude for the goodness of a Lord who never puts us "hold," and to whom in response we give our total devotion (Col. 3:1-4)?

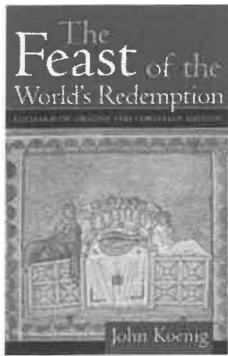
Think About It

As our society as a whole becomes more and more cold and impersonal, why is it of paramount importance that we develop a close relationship with God through Christ?

Next Sunday

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 25-C)

Gen. 32:3-8, 22-30; Psalm 121; 2 Tim. 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8a



The Feast of the World's Redemption

By John Koenig
Trinity. Pp. 301. \$25 paper.

“What exactly do we do when we eat and drink with Jesus?” In this excellent work, Prof. Koenig, the sub-dean for academic affairs and professor of New Testament at the General Theological Seminary, has successfully brought into partnership Bible, liturgy and mission to answer that startling, simple question.

Biblical scholars will be pleased to

read his thorough treatment of the relevant texts and of the recent writings dealing with explicit and implicit eucharistic understandings. Liturgical scholars will be engaged by his connection of the biblical texts with liturgical practices and his challenges to possible contemporary applications for our worship and

“What exactly do we do when we eat and drink with Jesus?”

liturgical practices today. Missiologists will be excited by the way Koenig explains how “these first table liturgies served to define and fuel the outreach ministries of Jesus’ disciples and then became such ministries themselves” (p. xiii). The lay person will be helped by the very practical instruction this book gives

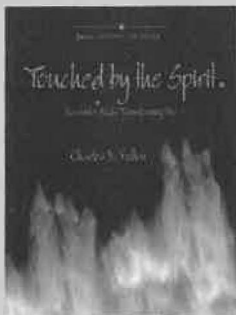
on Jesus’ vision for what the Eucharist was and is to be to the people of God in their regular worship.

Prof. Koenig is not reluctant to face issues that have troubled Christians for a long time, such as the nature of eucharistic presence. He also speaks to the issue of the propriety of Torah observance and Sabbath keeping with the new Christian practice of extended Sabbaths.

“What exactly do we do when we eat and drink with Jesus?” We eat and drink Jesus to share in his missionary strategy for the world, rather than embrace the meal as an opportunity merely for private edification. Prof. Koenig’s book challenges his reader to engage the Eucharist as the feast for the world’s redemption. It will be a helpful book for the church for years to come.

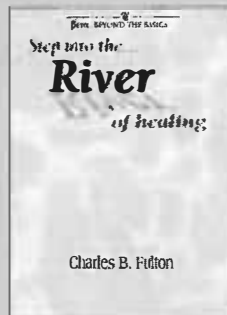
*(The Rev.) Laurie Thompson
Ambridge, Pa.*

**ΒΕΤΑ...
BEYOND THE BASICS**
BOOKS TO ENCOURAGE
CONFERENCES TO EQUIP



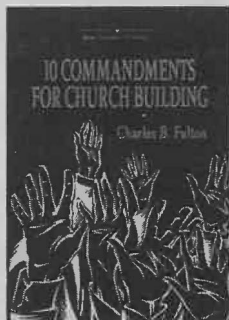
Touched By the Spirit
Encounter God's Transforming Fire

Whatever happened to the renewal movement? Hear from those who ought to know.



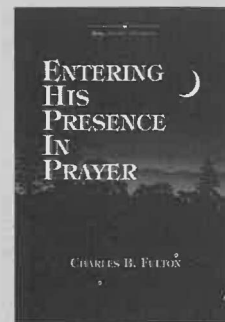
Step Into the River of Healing

Learn about the dynamics of healing – body, mind and spirit.



10 Commandments for Church Building

Uncover keys to taking your church beyond the vision and into explosive growth. available January 2002



Entering His Presence In Prayer

Discover how to pray and move mountains in your life. available February 2002

TAKE YOUR FAITH BEYOND THE BASICS WITH ACTS 29 MINISTRIES.
FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO PLACE YOUR ORDER, PLEASE CALL:
800-299-6324

2020 Task Force Envisions an Ambitious Funding Plan

The 2020 Clear Vision task force is about to present to the Executive Council its completed plan to double the size of the church.

"My personal hope is that the 2020 movement in general and this report in particular will help the Episcopal Church become a distinctly more mission-oriented church than it is at this point in time," said 2020 member Ted Mollegen, spokesman for the 10-person task force.

The Rt. Rev. Gethin B. Hughes, Bishop of San Diego, is chair of the 2020 Clear Vision task force, which met for the final time Sept. 26-27 at the Bishop Mason Center in the Diocese of Dallas.

"The Executive Council has all the tools it needs to define how this work can be accomplished," Mr. Mollegen said. "There is no need to wait until the next General Convention."

Doubling the size of the Episcopal Church will require a shift in funding, Mr. Mollegen said, and perhaps more importantly attitude. More money will have to be devoted to building more churches and recruiting and training leaders. More emphasis will need to be placed on reaching out to unchurched members of the community.

In addition to funds already allocated by General Convention, Mr. Mollegen said the task force is con-

vinced previously untapped methods of funding can be developed.

"We have many faithful Episcopalians who can — and I believe who will — make five-, six-, or seven-figure gifts to enhance God's kingdom on earth," he said.

"Some people are concerned that if we spend more money on building up the church, we will have less money for causes such as helping the poor. Actually, the reverse is the case. When more people are getting involved, there is a growth in giving, and there is more capability to do all kinds of mission."

Mr. Mollegen said that while doubling the church's size may appear daunting, it's well within reach.

"Every time we attend an Episcopal baptism, we in the congregation promise to be disciples who make disciples," he said.

In addition to Mr. Mollegen and Bishop Hughes, task force members are the Rt. Rev. Leopoldo Alard, the Rev. Richard Kew, the Very Rev. James B. Lemler, the Rev. Canon Kevin Martin, Deborah Robayo, Cecil Williamson and the Very Rev. Sandra Wilson.

(More information can be found at <http://members.aol.com/TaskForce2020>.)

Jim Goodson

Globalization Takes on New Meaning for Bishops

A somber group of bishops gathered Sept. 20 in Burlington, Vt., to discuss the impact and implications of globalization at their annual fall assembly.

In welcoming the 135 bishops, many of whom were accompanied by their spouses, the Most Rev. Frank T. Griswold, Jr., Presiding Bishop, said that the long-selected topic was even "more pertinent" following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks [TLC, Oct. 7].

A common theme throughout the early stages of the gathering was: "Why?" Various speakers, such as Denise Ackerman, wife of the Bishop of Quincy, noted that others around the world have asked that same question when confronted with other monumental tragedies. Mrs. Ackerman particularly noted the current AIDS crisis in South Africa.

The horrific tragedy has touched participants in ways both large and small and will continue to do so long into the future. Participants learned of one unintended consequence from a scheduled speaker, the Rev. Christopher Duraisingh, a native of India who is professor of applied theology at the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Mass.

On his way to the conference,

security agents at Logan Airport in Boston confiscated a laptop computer belonging to Fr. Duraisingh. The computer contained, among other things, the materials Fr. Duraisingh intended to use during his presentation to the House of Bishops. Without his notes he was forced to improvise.

Bishop Griswold elaborated further on the link between globalization and terrorism during a sermon delivered Sept. 23 at St. Paul's Cathedral in Burlington.

"In what ways do our own interests and their uncritical pursuit affect other nations and the welfare of their people?" he asked. "How are we as a nation 'under God,' as we call ourselves, being invited to reorder our life according to God's compassion for 'humankind and for every creature?'"

As part of an effort to improve ties between members of the worldwide Anglican Communion, the Most Rev. David Mukuba Gitari, Archbishop of Kenya, accepted an invitation to attend the entire meeting which concluded Sept. 26.

Episcopal News Service contributed to this report

Western Kansas Nominees

A search committee in the Diocese of Western Kansas is recommending that the next bishop be selected from a list of three nominees. They are: the Rev. James M. Adams, Jr., rector of Trinity Church in Wauwatosa, Wis.; the Very Rev. Canon John A. Macdonald, dean of the Cathedral El Buen Pastor, San Pedro Sula, Honduras; and the Rev. Edward J. Tourangeau, rector of St. John's, Lafayette, Ind.

The election is scheduled for Oct. 20 at All Saints' in Pratt. The bishop-elect will succeed the Rt. Rev. Vernon Strickland, who has announced his retirement.

Children Become Better Readers at Neighborhood Center

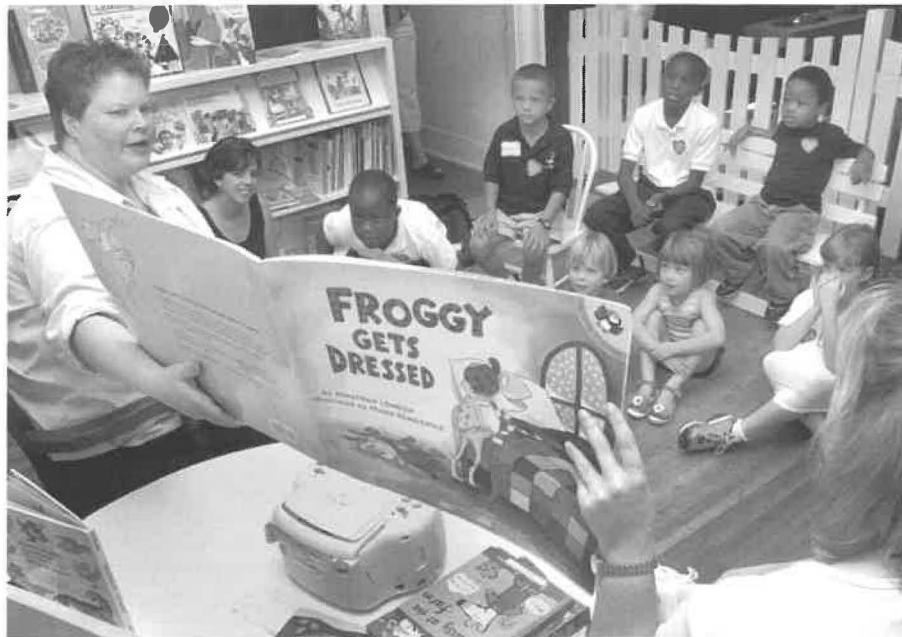
Thankful Memorial Church in Chattanooga, Tenn., certainly thinks a church as grounded in the written word as the Episcopal Church ought to do everything it can to encourage an appreciation of reading in children.

In August the 100-year-old congregation opened the St. Elmo Neighborhood Children's Reading Center, a free program sponsored in part by United Way, that targets neighborhoods with schools that have lower than average reading scores. The program is for age 6 and under.

"They came to us," said the Rev. Pat Cahill, rector, of the United Way. "We are a small congregation, but we had an old stage that was full of clutter. We fixed it up so that it was very inviting to children."

The reading center is enclosed by a child-sized picket fence and contains about 500 children's books. On Wednesdays and Saturdays volunteers from both the church and the community read to children. The local library is in the process of arranging a workshop designed to teach the volunteers how to read effectively to young children.

The program is designed to intro-



Photos by Alex McMahon/Chattanooga Times Free Press

Terry Wardell (left) and Lee Dorsey read to the children at St. Elmo Neighborhood Center.

duce children to all the good things that a public library contains. It is not intended to compete with libraries or serve as a free day-care center.

The publicity about the reading program has been a pleasant bonus for the congregation as well, although Ms. Cahill said that was not the reason Thankful Memorial

decided to make helping children better readers a priority.

Many social problems later in life, including incarceration, can be predicted by looking at early reading skills, she said. There is also that thing about being able to follow the service in the Book of Common Prayer.

25th Anniversary for Ordination of Women Celebrated

Celebrations commemorating the 25th anniversary of General Convention's approving the ordination of women were muted and in some cases postponed during the weekend of Sept. 15-16 as the nation paused to remember victims from the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The Church of the Transfiguration in Dallas, Texas, postponed a Sept. 15 regional celebration at which the Rt. Rev. James Stanton was to have presided. A special regional Eucharist on Sept. 15 that was part of the Diocese of Spokane's annual women's conference was held. The regional celebration in the Diocese of Southern Ohio was held, as was one at Trinity Cathedral in Little Rock,

Ark. Two other regional celebrations, one in Nashville and another in Indianapolis, occurred prior to Sept. 11.

Trinity Church in Fort Worth, Texas, went ahead with a subdued liturgy after having invited the Rev. Barbara Kelton to celebrate and preach at two of its four Sunday services. Ms. Kelton also spoke on the history of the ordination of women at a regular adult forum held between services.

She told the forum that her husband, Ed, had initially opposed her ordination when they first discussed it more than 20 years ago. But after further discussion, they agreed she should seek ordination. Today they are co-workers in chaplain ministry

at Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

The Rt. Rev. Jack L. Iker, Bishop of Fort Worth, did not give the day's observance his formal blessing, but he did not "try to block or hamper" it either, according to a statement in the church's Sunday bulletin. Bishop Iker is one of three diocesan bishops who will not ordain women to the priesthood or license women to serve as priests. He has said his opposition is based on his theological interpretation of scripture.

When reached at his home on Sunday afternoon by the Fort Worth *Star Telegram*, Bishop Iker confirmed his awareness of the event and declined to comment further.



Mr. La Tourette (right) uses details of church windows in creating his prints.



Inspirations from Reflective Light

By Noreen O. Mooney

It all started at a Rotary Club meeting in March. Richard La Tourette, a local artist and retired printer, said he'd like to photograph the stained-glass windows at St. Paul's Church, Oxford, N.Y., while the snow was still on the ground. Would that be all right? "Sure," I said, "come on over to the office after the meeting. I think we have an extra key somewhere."

Rich's brown car appeared from time to time in the parking lot, and I expected to see some attractive photos of the windows. Maybe we could use some of them in the newsletter, I thought, or in brochures. I was completely unprepared for the first painting. He had taken one of the old fish-scale slates, left over from the church re-roofing, and painted the Alpha and Omega motif in "interference" acrylic paints. The colors shimmered and changed as I tilted the slate, and then brought it over to the window, and the light seemed to come through the weathered stone. "I feel an exhibit coming on," I said. The vestry agreed, and so, on the first weekend in August, St. Paul's was host to the church windows art show.

The painted slates were just the beginning. Rich, an incurable experimenter, discovered that something happened when he printed his digital images on canvas. With the right set-

ting, the inks somehow fused and melded, producing glowing prints that looked hand painted. When the exhibit opened Aug. 3, there were nine painted slates, 11 digital prints on canvas, and several extraordinary holographic prints — the third, and still experimental, generation of images from the first photographs.

Guides were on hand in the church while the exhibit was open, to welcome those who wanted to see the originals. During the opening reception on Friday evening, Marje Bossier, our organist, played softly in the background. An updated guide to the church gave visitors a chance to track down the sources of their favorite images, and learn something of the centuries-old iconography. From the looks of the guest book, many people visited St Paul's beautiful English Gothic church for the first time.

The concept of using reflective light on flat surfaces to illuminate the beautiful church windows made for a unique and exciting art show. Turning the traditional images of salvation history into portable, luminous icons took these time-honored tools for teaching and inspiration into places those ancient craftspeople surely could never have imagined. □

The Rev. Noreen O. Mooney is a non-parochial priest of the Diocese of Long Island.

Tensions Rise in Nigeria

Roman Catholic bishops from English-speaking countries in Western Africa told the Nigerian government that the country faces a religious civil war if it fails to address charges that constitutionally-guaranteed freedoms are being trampled by imposition of Sharia or strict Islamic law in northern parts of the country.

Following an assembly in August at which a number of priests and lay participants testified, the bishops issued a communiqué which stated that the introduction of Sharia law is a "flagrant violation of the secular nature of the Nigerian nation."

Within weeks of the bishops' warning, two Nigerian cities were placed under military curfew after more than three days of unrelated rioting between Muslims and Christians. The unrest resulted in widespread arson and hundreds of deaths, according to *BBC News*.

In the northern city of Jos, the safety of the Anglican bishop's children was unknown for a time. Both the Rt. Rev. Benjamin Argak Kwashi, Bishop of Jos, and his wife, Gloria, were out of the country when the violence broke out. The children and their nanny were evacuated safely by security agents.

Tensions between Christians and Muslims have been particularly strained in recent years as more and more of the regional governments in the northern parts of the country fall under Sharia.

BRIEFLY...

The **place of the Virgin Mary** in the life and doctrine of the church will be the subject of a joint Anglican and Roman Catholic statement by an international commission which met last month in Dublin. Members of the Anglican Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC) began work on a preliminary draft based on a study of scripture, Patristic thought, Reformation authors and dogmatic definitions regarding the immaculate conception and the assumption.

They're Planning for Success

St. Michael's, Trenton, N.J., has survived three centuries and is eager for renewal.

BY LAWRENCE D. FISH, SR.

Photos by Michael Mancuso/The Times of Trenton, N.J.

Above: The view through a window shows the small group who worship each Sunday. **Below:** The Rev. John Conners prepares for a service.

Several years ago the congregation of St. Michael's Church, Trenton, N.J., took stock of itself, realized it was operating in a "waiting-for-the-end" framework, and decided to come alive.

This is not the first, or perhaps even the greatest, challenge the congregation has faced. For almost 300 years, St. Michael's has seen its fortunes ebb and flow.

The congregation was organized in 1703 at a site about three miles from its present location. The first building was built of logs. In 1751 it moved to its present site when the new church home was completed. A decade later the name St. Michael's was given the congregation. The building was enlarged in 1819 and remodeled in 1871 and 1906. Like all Anglican churches in New Jersey, it closed for eight years during the Revolutionary War.

The church was the site of the opening shots of the Battle of Trenton, in which Gen. George Washington and his Continental Army defeated the British-paid Hessians. Hessian artillery was actually positioned in the church graveyard and its capture by the Continentals helped decide the engagement. The outcome of the battle revived the slumping morale of the Continental Army and helped reverse the course of the war. Before the war was over, however, the closed church would also be used as a stable and later a field hospital.

St. Michael's rebounded from indignity and neglect. In 1801 the congregation was host to the seventh General Convention of the recently formed Episcopal Church. The Hon. Richard Howell, Governor of New Jersey and a vestryman at St. Michael's, arranged for the convention to hold most of its business meetings at the State House. It was at that convention that the 39 Articles of Religion were finally adopted and where the Rev. Benjamin Moore, rector of Trinity Church, Wall Street, was consecrated the second Bishop of New York. The

Rev. John Croes was elected the first Bishop of New Jersey at a diocesan convention at St. Michael's in 1815.

During the 19th century, St. Michael's developed a reputation as a wealthy, urban evangelical parish.

Beginning shortly after World War II, Trenton, and particularly the neighborhood around the church, began a long struggle with a host of problems including but not limited to a soaring crime rate, crumbling infrastructure, corrupt local government, the decline of local industry and a deteriorating residential real estate market.

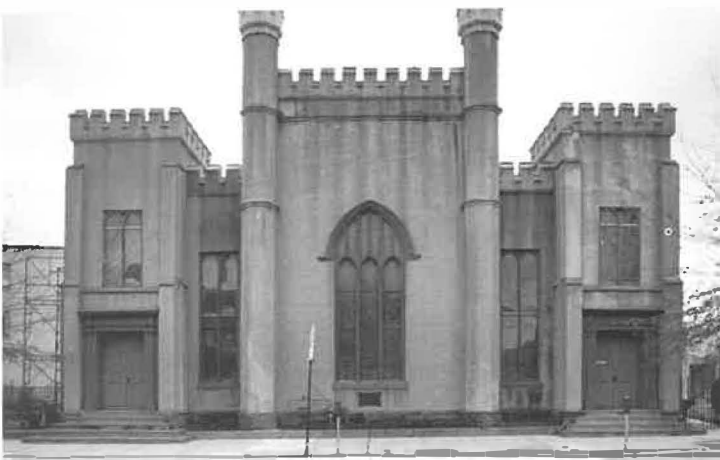
As long-time members either died or moved away, those who remained were forced to shoulder an increasing number of responsibilities. Eventually, about five years ago, the congregation could no longer afford to pay a rector. Aside from a modest amount of financial assistance and supply clergy from the diocese, the congregation was essentially on its own. Average weekly attendance fell to about 40.

Around that same time, a core group of members began to realize just how precarious the financial situation at St. Michael's was. For a number of years, endowment money had shielded members from the true situation.

"I think we started growing up when we had supply ministers and had to make decision for ourselves," said

'I think we started growing up when we had supply ministers and had to make decisions for ourselves.'
— Senior warden Fred Vereen, Jr.





Left: St. Michael's Church has undergone extensive renovations since it was built of red brick in 1748. Stucco veneer as well as the castellated towers and columns were added during extensive enlargement and renovation projects in the late 19th century.

Below: A worshiper at St. Michael's.

200 Years for the 39 Articles

From Sept. 8-12, 1801, the seventh General Convention of the fledgling Episcopal Church met at St. Michael's Church in Trenton, N.J. It was during this convention that the 39 Articles of Religion of the Anglican Church were revised and adopted for the Episcopal Church.

The 39 Articles of Religion are a theological statement dating from the English Reformation. Their revision and adoption by the Episcopal Church helped steer a theological course during the formative years after the American Revolution and the political break with the Anglican Church. Since the adoption, the 39 Articles have appeared in every revision of the Book of Common Prayer.

The Most Rev. Frank T. Griswold, Jr., Presiding Bishop, led a noonday prayer service at St. Michael's Sept. 15 in honor of the historic event. Earlier that day Bishop Griswold was at Trinity Cathedral in Trenton, where he delivered the Belshaw Foundation Lecture, named in honor of the Rt. Rev. G.P. Mellick Belshaw, ninth Bishop of New Jersey.

The focus of the day's lecture was "Challenges Facing the Episcopal Church" and it was obvious that the events of the previous week [TLC, Oct. 7] constituted the main challenge for the Presiding Bishop. He said the church responded magnificently to the terrorist strike and he mentioned specifically the Seamen's Institute and the General Theological Seminary.

Obviously moved by the images of what he had seen, Bishop Griswold pointed out the contrast between the power of evil on the one hand and incredible generosity on the other hand. "All created things," he said, "are caught up in the redemption of the cross and thus in Christ." He said the way to overcome evil is not with more violence but through reconciliation. He also went on to point out that our "national interest" is often seen as greed and avarice in other parts of the world.

(The Rev.) Lawrence D. Fish, Sr.

senior warden Fred Vereen, Jr. "Looking back I can see why some in the diocese were reluctant to encourage us."

Success is still by no means a certainty, but any plan is better than waiting around for the inevitable, according to Mr. Vereen.

The future, at least in the eyes of the parishioners, can be best summed up by a small plaque near the grave of David Brearly, a signer of the U.S. Constitution, which states: "Every day holds the possibility of a miracle." The neighborhood that once was a haven for the drug traffic has undergone renovation. Abandoned buildings that were the sites of drug traffic are gone and new mixed-income housing is being built.

St. Michael's decided that any plan for its own renewal would have to begin with the parish house. Added in 1892, it was built over a portion of the church's historic graveyard and a number of tombstones are still eerily visible in the earthen basement.

For a number of years the parish house had been the site of St. Michael's ministry to the deteriorating neighborhood. The congregation took great pride in its local outreach ministry, and it was a real blow in 1995 when the building was declared unsafe because the gravesites had begun

The future of the parishioners can be best summed up by a small plaque near the grave of David Brearly, which states: 'Every day holds the possibility of a miracle.'

to settle and undermine the foundation.

Using its remaining endowments and a matching grant of more than \$240,000 from the New Jersey Historic Preservation Trust, the congregation had the foundation stabilized and renovated. With additional funding for matching grants St. Michael's hopes to allow the provision of handicap access, thus opening further doorways to the neighborhood.

St. Michael's also has its own priest again. The Rev. John H. Conners, vicar of St. Michael's, is serving one-third time. He believes St. Michael's can contribute to the neighborhood's renewal if it

is willing to be flexible and to grow as the needs of the community become evident. He sees St. Michael's as the focal point of the developing community and the place where they can gather, become community, and develop as neighbors.

"It would be very easy for [the people of St. Michael's] to walk away from this place," Fr. Conners said. "To have gotten even this far is a major accomplishment."

The congregation is willing to move out of its comfort zone, according to Mr. Vereen.

"There is no sense in us going through all this rebuilding if we are going to remain rigid to those in our community," he said. "If that is the case we might as well close the doors now." □

(The Rev.) Lawrence D. Fish, Sr. is archives historian and editor of Via Media in the Diocese of New Jersey



Kinder, Gentler for a Moment

Having watched some of the televised reports of the terrorist attacks on this country, and the aftermath, I was hopeful that the horrific events might lead to a change in our behavior. You've got to admit that for the most part, Americans haven't been very civil toward one another in recent years. I kept thinking about the words of another President Bush (not Dubya), who referred to "a kinder and gentler America." What we saw unfolding on our television screens would change our lives, I reasoned. And eventually for the better.

So ever since Sept. 11 I have been paying close attention to people's behavior. I am pleased to note progress. I have seen no examples of road rage (prior to that date I saw at least one serious incident per day). I have observed no one actually fighting in public, with or without weapons. And no one has threatened me. For all of this I am thankful.

However — you knew this was coming, didn't you? — I'm not so sure that most of us have gotten the hang of it.

On Sept. 11, within five minutes after my wife's phone call to me reporting the first incident in New York City, I received my only other call of the day. "What's the matter with you people?," the caller said very matter-of-factly. "How can you run such stuff in your magazine?" I was willing to forgive him because he probably hadn't heard the news yet.

For the next three or four days, the people in my environs exhibited exemplary behavior. I was encouraged. Then, almost as soon as the last services for the National Day of Prayer ended, it started again.

I was trying to change lanes on the freeway on my way home. I put on my turn signal to show drivers my intention. One, two, three cars zipped past. And sev-

eral more. Finally a driver allowed me to cut in front. I waved in thanks and got no response. Moments later, a car ahead of me changed lanes without signaling and received a toot of the horn and a one-finger salute in return. He gestured back.

Since those brief incidents I've seen a chase involving two cars that had to be approaching 100 miles per hour, all sorts of rude behavior by drivers, and I listened with disgust to a friend who told me that her teenaged son, adopted from India, has been subject to taunts, apparently because of his appearance.

In the grocery store, as I pushed my cart toward a checkout lane, a woman maneuvered her cart quickly to get in front of me. She saved herself about 45 seconds. I watched a motorist park in a spot clearly marked for disabled and sprint to avoid raindrops. I watched an inspiring patriotic ceremony at a televised base-

ball game and heard the flag-waving fans boo lustily when the third batter approached the plate.

We've had some incidents at TLC, too. A woman hung up on me in mid-conversation after complaining about one of our news stories. And some inconsiderate geek deposited a virus in our computer network, causing problems in our circulation and editorial departments.

The Christian response to all this behavior is, of course, to turn the other cheek. Ignore it and it may, or may not, go away.

I'm sure things are different where you are. People think before they act, right? They are polite and they say "please" and "thank you." They wait in line patiently and they do not respond unkindly when they learn that an airline has canceled their flight. Even with a few temporary setbacks my faith in others has not diminished. I'm probably hanging around with the wrong crowd.

David Kalvelage, executive editor

You've got to admit that for the most part, Americans haven't been very civil toward one another in recent years.



Did You Know...

The Rev. John Usher and his son, the Rev. John Usher, Jr., served as rectors of St. Michael's Church, Bristol, R.I., for 70 years.

Quote of the Week

The Rev. Pat Whittington, former rector of St. Peter's Church, Huntington, W. Va., in a New York Times article on racism in that city: "One would have to have his whole body — not just his neck — buried deep in the sand to say there are no racial problems in Huntington."



Much Wisdom Needed

Within hours of the tragic events of Sept. 11, politicians, church leaders and others began to express opinions on how the United States should respond to the terrorists. Particularly interesting have been the communications sent to our office by Episcopalians and other Anglicans. The wide variety of opinions, from blowing up entire countries to not stooping to the level of terrorists by killing, seem typical of Anglicans. We are used to a multiplicity of thoughts and beliefs, so it follows that attitudes on such an important matter would be equally varied. Such diversity is a sharp contrast to the opinion expressed by Americans in public polls taken soon after the attack. Various surveys revealed more than 80 percent of Americans supported military action against the terrorists.

At the time of this writing, it seems to us that a typical Anglican response, a middle way, is in order. There is no question that those who plotted the detailed plan of attack need to be found and brought to justice. We are hesitant to embrace a response which results in extensive death and suffering of persons who have nothing to do with terrorist activity. And strategy that would increase the hatred for America ought to be avoided if possible. We also are cautious about supporting a strategy in which forgiveness and peace are the dominant elements. It is clear that a response involving more than political and economic oppression is in order. For Christians, finding a middle way can be exceptionally difficult, for those who favor extensive military action and those who advocate a peaceful solution both can turn to scripture to justify their positions. Let us pray that our leaders may use wise discernment in their reaction. Retaliation may not be the wisest response.

Let us pray that our leaders
may use wise discernment
in their reaction.



Rick Wood photo

In all parts of this nation, people of various religious backgrounds have reported they have increased, or intensified, their prayers as a result of the tragedy.

Time for Family Prayer

Among the results of the terrorist attacks on this country [TLC, Oct. 7] is the fact that people are praying more. In all parts of this nation, people of various religious backgrounds have reported they have increased, or intensified, their prayers as a result of the tragedy. We suspect that this development includes an increase in family prayer. The fear felt by many Americans in the aftermath of the plane crashes, particularly among children, would naturally lead to families praying together.

One of the difficulties in bringing family members together for prayer is time. Work schedules, school activities and various leisure-time events often leave little time for families to be together. It seems to us that it would be worth the time and effort for family members to agree upon a time when they can get together for prayer, perhaps at the time of a meal, or before retiring for the night. The Book of Common Prayer provides Daily Devotions for Individuals and Families at various times of the day (pp. 136-143) which might prove helpful, and many churches are printing copies of prayers which can be used in times of crisis. Time in prayer with members of our families can only be time well spent.



AFRICA in the Battle for the World's Soul

By Alden Hathaway

I was a bit apprehensive about taking Africa Youth Mission 2001 to Rwanda this summer. We had three days in which the team of American and African youth, working out of Kigali, were to launch our project, Solar Light for Churches of Africa.

We were to be the guests of the Rwandan first lady, Jeannete Kagame, and the Anglican archbishop, the Most Rev. Emmanuel Kolini.

I was uneasy about going to a place which six years ago had undergone the holocaust of genocide, where in just four months more than 800,000 people were slaughtered by their neighbors. I looked forward to being with Archbishop Kolini. He is an old friend. I greatly admire his forthright defense of the gospel — and his courage. But I have been troubled by his recent interventions into the tangled affairs of our Episcopal Church, his support of the Anglican Mission in America (AMiA) and the irregular consecration of bishops for the United States.

I was not prepared for what I experienced in Rwanda. As soon as we crossed the border, I realized there was something special about this country. Roads were freshly paved, beautifully striped and signed, the shoulders and ditching constructed of stone. Villages were poor but clean and tidy. The capital city, Kigali, was beautiful with handsome public spaces and gardens, impressive government buildings and residential areas, working traffic signals and

street lights; an orderly, bustling, prosperous city.

On Sunday, after worship in the Anglican cathedral, we were received with a luncheon at the State House with the first lady as host.

We then were taken to a stadium filled with enthusiastic young people enjoying a spirited rally led by a team of Korean evangelists from Los Angeles.

I was perplexed by the message: "The Rwandan Church is singularly prepared to go to the countries of Africa, to Europe and to America to preach the gospel and bring people to the cross of Christ. You are called to be missionaries."

I thought, "How could this people lead others to faith? Just a few years ago they were slaughtering each other? How is this church prepared for mission, when some of its pastors had, even from their pulpits, encouraged members to kill their neighbors, and in many cases priests and religious betrayed to the killers people who sought the sanctuary of church buildings and the protection of those they thought they could trust?"

When I questioned Archbishop Kolini, I was amazed by his words. "I travel in America and hear preachers talk about sin," he said. "They talk about it as a small thing. Sin is not a small thing. The Rwandan church knows sin; she has seen it, even participated in it. She has tasted its bitter fruit. The Rwandan church knows her dire and utter need of the Savior's cleansing blood.

"On Sundays," he continued, "I see people by the scores walking to church past the places where the killings were done, where the bodies littered the road, to enter the buildings where so many were betrayed to the slaughter. They go to worship and to fall upon God's saving mercy. This is a church which has sinned and suffered, which has bled and died, and is raised by the marvelous resurrection of Jesus, a church that knows its dependence upon him alone. This is preparation for mission and power for witness."

I am humbled to see that this is preparation indeed.

The African situation has even more to teach. In Uganda, on the road to Kampala, billboards display

**Could it not be
that we, the American
church, will find
our renewal
in the witness
and courage
of African Christians?**

pictures of Mueammar Qaddafi. The Libyan president is seeking to portray himself as the elder statesman of African unity. He is going to the tribal kings, seeking to persuade them that they are the legitimate traditional leaders of the African peoples. With offers of aid to build schools, hospitals, orphanages, Qaddafi is attempt-



ing to strengthen their influence and to bind them politically to himself.

Qaddafi is also proclaiming that the authentic religion of Africa is Islam. Christianity is portrayed as the religion of Western corruption and exploitation against which the way of the prophet is strong defense. There is a spiritual battle going on for the soul of Africa. The African church sees the moral laxity and doctrinal relativism of American self-indulgent Christianity as no match for the contest. In fact, it sees our unwillingness as church to stand against the perverse and dysfunctional accommodation to human sin, which pervades so much of American culture, as a real liability to its own spiritual credibility in the battle. The African church must make its strong witness to our repentance and redemption. She believes her very survival depends upon it; even our survival as well.

The 21st could well be the African Century. Either Africa will make it, or it will not. If she does, we all will prosper together. But if she does not, no longer will we in the West be unaffected. An Africa in flames will draw us all into the holocaust.

What is learned from the African perspective is that we are all engaged in a life-and-death struggle for the soul of the post-modern world. At issue is the gospel itself; whether we will not be ashamed to confess the cross of Christ and it alone to be the power of God for salvation; salvation to everyone, African and American, all of us together.

Could it not be that we, the American church, will find our renewal in the witness and courage of African Christian sisters and brothers; and in humble willingness to lend our amazing material and technical assets, the enthusiastic faith and dedication of our youth, to the vigorous spiritual engagement that will proclaim Jesus as Lord and establish the kingdom of his peace? □

The Rt. Rev. Alden Hathaway is the retired Bishop of Pittsburgh and is founding director of Solar Light for Churches of Africa.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



How to Respond

I heard something recently that caused me to pause. I was talking with a group of young clergy about what the U.S. response to the terrorist attacks ought to be to make reparations for our losses [TLC, Oct. 7]. Some of us thought bombings and a heavy military attack would be the best “statement” we could make. However, a deacon said, “wouldn’t it freak the world out if we flew over a country like Afghanistan and dropped food and aid on them?” Wow. I realize a thought like this is utopian and impossible for our world, but it smacks of the kingdom of God.

The United States is not a theocracy, a God-ruled nation. The church, however, is. The New Testament calls us a “chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into [God’s] wonderful light” (1 Pet. 2:9 NIV). What is the church’s greatest weapon? Love. I don’t mean the sappy and warm fuzzy kind of love that ignores what is wrong and evil, but the kind of love that militates against hate and death by kindness and charity. Love that hurts for all victims of war, both our casualties and our enemy’s soon-to-occur casualties. Love that is pained by the widows and widowers in our country and the widows and widowers we will create. Love that is marked by compassion even for evildoers.

May this love and compassion consume us, the church.

*(The Rev.) Stace Timothy Tafoya
Arvada, Colo.*

The war that we must fight is not against flesh and blood, but over the hearts and minds of all persons in all countries.

It is the task of persons of good will of all faiths — and especially as Christians — to persuade those whose lives are filled with hatred to better things. Our “revenge” needs to be found not in retaliatory military strikes, but in overcoming evil with good. Our “revenge” must not be found in becoming like terrorists by allowing ourselves to become just as hate filled as they have proved themselves to be. It is not to be found in the days, weeks or months ahead when we finally “strike back” at the terrorists. It is found now.

Our “revenge” is to be found in the outpouring of love and compassion that has taken place in New York City, Washington, D.C., and throughout our great country. It is found in the generosity of our people who are heroically engaged in rescue work as well as in those who are donating blood, money and labor. It is found in our

ability as Christians to heed the call of our Lord to pray for both the victims of this senseless act of terror and for those who carried it out and who are the enemies of peace-loving people everywhere. Ultimately, it is found in our God who we believe and trust to be able to read the hearts, minds and souls of all persons, and who we trust to reward the innocent victims with peace and everlasting life — even as he will justly judge, condemn and punish those who have wantonly disregarded the sacredness of human life by their acts of terror and hatred.

*(The Rev. Canon) Ralph J. Stanwise
St. Paul’s Cathedral
Peoria, Ill.*

Law or Morals?

The contrast between the Nigerian church and the petty divisiveness of some of our “leaders” concerning lawsuits, maniples, and if God has ever stated women are incapable of discerning God’s Spirit [TLC, Sept. 16] led me to wonder if Falwell and

Robertson may have been closer to the truth than we would like to believe.

The contrast of a rich in spirit church, working with nothing to complete much for God and our petty differences, especially after the events of Sept. 11, should send all down on our knees and ask God to open our hearts and minds. As an attorney, I must sometimes tell clients that I practice law, not morals. It saddens me to see that many "leaders" in our church do the same.

*Preston Johnson
Federal Way, Wash.*

Criticism Correct

Canon Bob Cain criticizes the Presiding Bishop for his pronouncements and letters telling the government how to mediate in the Middle East [TLC, Sept. 2]. Would the canon have the Presiding Bishop ignore the appeals of the Anglican Bishop of Jerusalem for help, and similarly ignore the fact that the Christian church membership there has been decimated, largely through the oppressive policies of Israel? The Presiding Bishop is surely correct in criticizing the U.S. government for its one-sided policies, and the \$3.5 billion annually in military and other aid it continues to pour into Israel, despite Israel's contravention of U.N. resolution 242. The Palestinian people have a legal and moral right to the 22 percent of their land that remains.

If Canon Cain had been to the Holy Land, as I have on three occasions, he would have witnessed the daily humiliation of the Palestinian people by the Israeli military and the illegal settlers on the West Bank and Gaza.

The Old Testament reading for the 13th Sunday after Pentecost reminded me that in ancient Israel, as someone has said, "you couldn't put a razor blade between politics and religion." Justice and human rights are not just political issues. Thank God our Presiding Bishop is courageously exercising his prophetic ministry when he speaks out about the injustices that are being perpetrated on the Palestin-

ian people, both Christian and Moslem.

*(The Rev.) Raymond A. Low
St. Luke's Church
Scituate, Mass.*

No Investigation

Concerning the article about a lawsuit against retired Bishop Richard Grein of New York along with two other clergy [TLC, Sept. 16], the Diocese of New York is not "conducting its own investigation," as was stated.

When I spoke with a representative of THE LIVING CHURCH, the news about the legal action had just been announced, and I indicated that the diocese would review the lawsuit once we had received a copy of it. I also noted I would not comment about any pending litigation, as a matter of policy. A review of the lawsuit is appropriate action for the diocese, as the bishop and other parties involved were in the employ of the diocese at the time of the allegations. However, to assume that the diocese "is conducting its own investigation into the allegations" is simply not correct.

*Neva Rae Fox
Director of Communications
Diocese of New York
New York, N.Y.*

Still Separated

I enjoyed reading the article "Inside Accokeek" by the Rev. James B. Simpson [TLC, Aug. 2]. As a member of Christ Church St. John's Parish, Christ Church, Accokeek, I was impressed with the fine photography of our venerable old church. Except for a few minor factual errors, the article was authoritative and well written.

There is, as the author mentioned, a conflict about which congregation is in the majority — those remaining in the old church and loyal to Fr. Edwards, or those who attend the Diocese of Washington-sanctioned services nearby. I am a traditionalist who honors the authority of the bishop and the teachings of the church. With those convictions, I have aligned myself, along with many others, with the diocese. On June 9 and 24, more than 70 members signed a letter of

Lectionary Bible Study

A Quarterly Study Booklet



For a sample, send \$7.50 to:
Paraklete Press of California
PO Box 1932
Rancho Cordova, CA 95741
or phone: (916) 852-1269

www.lectionarybiblestudy.org



**THE MISSION BOOKSTORE
OF NASHOTAH HOUSE**
AN EPISCOPAL SEMINARY
2777 MISSION ROAD
NASHOTAH, WI 53058-9793

Most books seen in The Living Church are available.
Ask about clergy and church discounts.
(262) 646-6529



A faith-building experience
for the entire parish family!

"Faith Alive is a great tool for
the revitalization of our congregations."
*The Most Rev. Frank
Griswold, Presiding Bishop*

In response to Vision 20/20:
**Faith Alive, PO Box 67428
Albuquerque, NM 87193
(505) 792-2552**

www.faithalive.org

Illuminations

Illuminations consists of brief introductions to the Sunday readings. Read by lectors, these prefaces help listeners understand the reading they are about to hear.

*Contains entries for BOTH the Prayer Book and Revised Common Lectionaries To subscribe, call TOLL-FREE

1-877-822-8228



The history of your church begins with:
THE REGISTERS OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AND RITES



The Register of Church Membership and Rites

Permanently record sacramental and other historical data for the congregation while conforming to the reporting requirements for the Parochial Report. Available in two sizes.

10 1/2" x 16" \$175.00
 10 1/2" x 8" \$105.00

ALSO AVAILABLE...

Individual Registers for: Baptisms, Baptized Members, Confirmation/Receptions, Marriages, and Burials.
 10 1/2" x 8" \$105.00 each

Status and Summary of Baptized Members Booklet
 Record and tally changing statistical data about members and transfer annually to Parochial Report Form.
 10 1/2" x 8" \$3.95

*All registers conform to the reporting requirements of
 The General Convention Office of the Episcopal Church.*

MOREHOUSE PUBLISHING
800-877-0012

Check us out on the web!

THE
LIVING CHURCH

www.livingchurch.org

**FOUNDATION HOUSE
 OXFORD (UK)**

GRADUATE THEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION (USA)

OXFORD AND ROME FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIPS [*For Short-Term Residence*]

The John Macquarrie Academic and Travel Fellowships

Research degrees by thesis and oral examinations in Oxford.
 Short-term Residence degrees by coursework and supervised thesis.
D.Min. in Spiritual Direction (residence at Loyola House/Guelph)

DEAN OF STUDIES
 FOUNDATION HOUSE/OXFORD
 REGISTRAR/GRADUATE THEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION/USA

1-800-423-5983 or fax 219-935-8480

e-mail: gtf@skynet.net

All degrees are accredited by the Accrediting Commission International/USA.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

support for Bishop Dixon, stating that it was their belief she had acted appropriately under the canons of the church. The letter was signed by, among others, three members of the vestry. Most who attend the service authorized by the diocese have not transferred their names from Christ Church rolls. Typical attendance at our Sunday service is 60, and as many as 74 have gathered to worship in an environment of love and peace.

*George L. Hanssen
 Accokeek, Md.*

What I have not heard in the ongoing turmoil in the Diocese of Washington is the central theme of the gospel and the clear mission of the church to be reconciled to God and to one another. Instead bishops and other clergy and laity alike have signed on to one side or another. We imagine a winning cause by multiplying hostility and conflict.

What is not clear is whether or not our Presiding Bishop and other people about the church are true to the gospel's demand, "Be reconciled!" This is not a choice, it is the heart of the matter.

Whatever issues that come to define the present turmoil, there will always remain the compelling call of the scriptures to be reconciled.

As I observe the situation, there is no moral high ground. What has happened and continues to happen scandalizes Jesus Christ, all Episcopalians and all Christians. Not to be reconciled is to remain in sin. To choose a process of adjudication through either civil or ecclesiastical courts or mediation, is a sin against us all.

I find it unimaginable that all parties, if they were invited and expected to sit down with the Presiding Bishop, would not do so willingly if reluctantly. It is important for all of us that all involved in this conflict be reconciled. Close the door, pray and work it out. Then report the good news. There are no excuses acceptable. The time has long passed to put an end to this scandal.

*(The Rev.) Harry L. Knisely
 Milford, Conn.*

Appointments

The Rev. **Scott Albergate** is rector of St. Luke's, 98 Stewart Ave., Eastchester, NY 10707.

The Rev. **Katrina Grusell** is rector of Holy Apostles, Arbutus, MD.

The Rev. **Cynthia Guthkelch** is assistant at St. Paul's, 11 E 40th St., Kansas City, MO 64111-4909.

Ordinations

Deacons

Eastern Michigan — **Bob Baker, Jack Breznau, Nancy Breznau, Jane Spencer.**

El Camino Real — **Elizabeth Ann Ellis, Dorothy Ellen Torrey, Julie Craw Wizorek.**

Maine — **Thomas Brackett**, St. James' by-the-Sea, 743 Prospect St., La Jolla, CA 92037; **Lu-Anne Connor**, St. Elizabeth's, 169 Fairmount Rd., Ridgewood, NJ 07450; **Nancy Moore**, St. John's, Center St., Brownsville Jct., VT 04415.

Oregon — **Gail Greenwell, Tim Moehl, Janet Waggoner**, St. Luke's, PO Box 3128, Darien, CT 06820.

Washington — **Peter Antoci, Margot Critchfield, Elinor Holland, Constance Jensen**, deacon-in-charge of Christ Church, Wayside, MD; **Linda Lebron, Alison Quin.**

Receptions

Bethlehem — **William McGinty**, from the Roman Catholic Church, as a priest.

Resignations

The Rev. **Lupton P. Abshire**, as assistant at Christ Church, Georgetown, Washington, DC.

The Rev. **Steven E. Carroll**, as rector of St. John the Baptist, Glendale, AZ.

The Rev. **C. Carter Croft**, as rector of St. Andrew's, Breckenridge, TX.

The Rev. **Renee Miiier**, as canon to the ordinary of the Diocese of El Camino Real.

The Rev. **Richard Upsher Smith, Jr.**, as rector of All Saints', Wynnewood, PA.

Retirements

The Rev. **Robert Daly**, as rector of Messiah, Baltimore, MD.

The Rev. **Fred Fenton**, as rector of St. James', Baton Rouge, LA.

The Rev. Canon **Peter LaValley Spencer**, as rector of St. Paul's, Wickford, RI.

The Rev. **Joan Zoller**, as deacon at Resurrection, Blue Springs, MO.

Note to our readers: The photos of the Cathedral Church of the Incarnation, Garden City, N.Y., on the cover and page 3 of TLC, Sept. 9 were by John Ellis Kordes.

Next week...

Fall Music Issue

BOOKS

ANGLICAN THEOLOGICAL BOOKS — scholarly, out-of-print — bought and sold. Request catalog. The Anglican Bibliopole, 858 Church St., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866-8615. (518) 587-7470. Angli-canBk@aol.com

CHURCH FURNISHINGS

JULIET HEMINGRAY CHURCH TEXTILES: www.church-textiles.co.uk, English company known for stunning designs and quality. Extensive selection of custom-made stoles, copes, chasubles, altar frontals, and banners. 27 The Derwent Business Center, Clarke Street, Derby, DE1 2BU, United Kingdom, Tel: 011 44 1332 366740 Fax: 011 44 1332 292817; Em: jhet@church-textiles.co.uk

CHURCH MUSIC

CAROL McCCLURE'S ANGELMUSIK Virtuoso harpist Carol McClure presents solo recordings of favorite hymns. Listen/order online: www.coventrymusic.com Toll-free 1-800-999-0101, X112. SPECIAL OFFER: Order any 3, receive our sampler FREE!

FUND RAISING

Church Fund Raiser: Beautiful, hand carved crosses, nativities, and birds, made by the Wichi Indians of Argentina, will be sent to you, priced and ready to sell. Keep 40% of your sales and return what doesn't sell. For more information contact: **Mollie Polhemus, PO Box 549, Miles, TX 76861, Email: mollie@wcc.net, (915)468-3011. www.siwokandmore.com**

NEEDLEPOINT KITS

BEAUTIFUL NEEDLEPOINT KITS: Heirloom designs for kneelers, chair cushions, altar/pulpit paraments, expertly hand-painted on canvas, wool yarns supplied. You stitch, then we expertly upholster. **Divine Designs, Ltd., P.O. Box 47583, Indianapolis, IN 46247. (800)784-1958.**

POSITIONS OFFERED

ASSISTANT TO RECTOR: St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, Charlotte, North Carolina, has experienced 40% growth in the last two years, and needs another priest. We are dedicated to the Great Commission, Great Commandment and our core values of biblical truth, worship, transformation and service. Our Sunday services include a Rite I Eucharist, a Rite II children's Eucharist with praise band, and a Rite II Eucharist with choir. We have just completed a successful capital campaign and are drawing plans for a new facility. We are seeking an evangelical priest to assist in assimilation, Christian education, pastoral care, mission, outreach, and all liturgical duties. This priest should have strong organizational skills, a gracious orthodoxy, and a heart for seeing people come to Christ. For our file, please visit our website at: www.saintmargarets.net or contact: **The Rev. Canon Filmore Strunk, St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, 5008 Pineville-Matthew's Road, Charlotte, NC 28226.**

FULL-TIME RECTOR: Our charming lakefront church in the western mountains of Maine is seeking a rector to lead our caring community of year-round and seasonal members. Good Shepherd is a mid-sized, financially solid parish with effective lay leadership. Church facilities include a quiet, attractive office overlooking Rangeley Lake and a brand new 4-bedroom rectory. Our community offers a K-12 school; health, rehab and fitness center; three other churches and 4-season resort activities. Good Shepherd is a key factor in community life and is the site of many community spiritual and cultural events. If Christ-centered worship, preaching, and nurturing growth for older and younger members are important in your ministry, we'd like to hear from you. Contact: **The Rev. Linton Studdiford, Deployment Officer, Episcopal Diocese of Maine, 143 State Street, Portland, Maine 04101.**

POSITIONS OFFERED

FULL-TIME RECTOR: The Episcopal Church of All Saints, Indianapolis, Indiana, a small, urban, Anglo-Catholic church, is seeking an open-minded, liberal individual committed to preaching God's inclusive and unconditional love. Our parish consists of approximately 175 members from widely varying racial, socio-economic, educational and religious backgrounds and sexual orientations. We travel from a large geographical area each week to come together as a community of faith and fellowship. We look to our rector to teach and model for us God's word in our world. The greater metropolitan area of Indianapolis consists of over 1.2 million people. The city, which is vibrant and experiencing economic and cultural growth, serves as the state capital. For more information please write to: **Search Committee, All Saints, 1559 Central Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46202, or email our chair Rich Franck at AuditAssociates@compuserve.com**

DIRECTOR OF SCHOOL FOR MINISTRY: Diocese of Southern Virginia seeks Director of School for Ministry. Seeking lay or clergy person for this full-time job. Strong communication skills, familiarity with research and assessment methodologies, and knowledge of and implementation of fundraising are needed skills. Travel throughout the diocese is a requirement for this position, so that people may remain in their geographic area for study. Possible curriculum areas that would need to be developed for the school might include pre-seminary classes, lay leadership training, continuing education courses for lay and clergy, diaconate training. Knowledge and implementation of technology necessary for online delivery would be an essential skill needed. The position will be open for applicants September 1, 2001, through November 15, 2001. Please send your resume to: **Diocese of Southern Virginia Western Office, 112 North Union Street, Petersburg, Virginia, 23803. Phone: 804-863-2095; FAX 804-863-2096.**

FULL-TIME RECTOR: St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Mitchell, South Dakota: We are a small congregation in a progressive, growing community of diverse businesses and manufacturing, several tourist attractions, Dakota Wesleyan University and Mitchell Technical Institute. We are seeking an energetic, effective, spiritual leader and preacher with demonstrated leadership and pastoral care who will develop and strengthen youth and adult education programs and promote church growth. Our strengths include an active lay ministry and joyful fellowship. Full compensation package offered. Interested persons should send resumes and personal profiles to: **St. Mary's Search Committee, P.O. Box 866, Mitchell, SD 57301 or e-mail: dstokes@santel.net**

RECTOR — St. George's Episcopal Church, located in Germantown, Tennessee (population 37,000+, in suburban Memphis), is seeking an experienced, energetic spiritual leader to shepherd 1,100 parishioners of ethnic, generational, theological and financial diversity. The 19-acre site on which the church is situated includes a parish hall, Christian education building, Original Mission Chapel, St. Clare's Chapel (outdoor), bell tower, library, Labyrinth, early childhood center, EYC Teen House, Bookshoppe, and columbarium. Also sharing the site is a highly regarded day school (pk-7). We seek an inspiring preacher, counselor and pastoral care giver with good interpersonal skills and a strong interest in Christian education and youth ministry to lead St. George's in fulfilling its mission to empower a living faith, to grow through the teachings of Jesus Christ, and to follow the doctrines of the Episcopal Church by worshiping, praying, teaching, evangelizing and caring. If you believe that you may have been called to lead us in fulfilling this mission, please contact: **Ken Roberts, Chairman, Rector Search Committee, at kroberts@vanguard-door.com, (901) 795-3667, ext. 1203, or mail to: Search Committee, St. George's Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 38447, Germantown, TN 38183-0447.**

PART - TIME PRIEST NEEDED: Small historic church, Christ Episcopal Church, Sidney, Nebraska. Close to Denver, Cheyenne and mountains. Home of good, friendly people and local community college. For more information contact: **M.D. Harlan, Phone 308 - 254-2925 or mail resume to M.D. Harlan - 1615 Maple Street, Sidney, NE 69162 e-mail: trowbrid@wncc.net**

CLASSIFIEDS

POSITIONS OFFERED

FULL-TIME DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota, is a growing urban/suburban program church. We seek a Christ-centered person with experience in intergenerational faith formation. Major focus on faith creation of adult education programming and expansion of programming for youth. Supervision of Sunday school also required. Preference given to those with three or more years experience as DRE. Salary and benefits negotiable. For informational packet and job application, contact **Sandy Hay (Sandra@williehoohoo.com) 612-377-5538** or **Carol Nulsen (carolmarieb@mn.rr.com) 952-925-0482**. Open until position filled.

FULL-TIME RECTOR: Is God calling you to St. Anne's in Stockton? We are a welcoming parish in California's diverse San Joaquin Valley. Seeking an experienced priest with vision, pastoral skills, exciting liturgics, and preaching talents. Are you the one to help us grow? Send resume and CDO profile to: **Search Committee, Episcopal Church of St. Anne, 1020 W. Lincoln Rd., Stockton, CA 95207 ph 209-473-2313 fax 209-473-2314**

DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN FORMATION: Christ Church Christiana Hundred, Greenville, Delaware. Christ Church is in search of a Director of Christian Formation to begin in spring of 2002 when our Director of Christian Education retires after eight years. We are a corporate-size parish in a campus setting near Wilmington, DE, between Philadelphia, PA, and Baltimore, MD. We see ourselves as a church where tradition and contemporary life meet in worship, study and service. We have three clergy on staff working with a paid staff of eight and four adjunct clergy. The church school has more than 300 students in grade level classes. We seek someone with a lively personal faith in Jesus Christ and experience in children's and adult education. Our Director of Christian Formation would ideally bring to this parish family leadership, knowledge and energy. For more information, see description on our website <http://www.christchurchde.org> or contact **Kay Keenan** at 302-777-7969 or ConsultKeenan@es.com.

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY - Christ Church, Raleigh, NC, seeking a Director of Youth Ministry. Website: www.christ-church-raleigh.org

FULL-TIME RECTOR: St. James' West Bend, WI, is a small to mid-sized, historic parish in the state's fastest-growing county (45 minutes from Milwaukee). We seek liturgically centered rector to work with us in ministering to each other and the community. Preaching, pastoral care and Christian education for all ages are important. We value active lay ministries and joyful fellowship. Send resume and CDO profile to: **Leslie Bruss, Search Committee, St. James' 148 S. 8th Ave, West Bend, WI 53095**. Visit www.stjameswb.org, e-mail: office@stjameswb.org

PRIEST: Respectable Episcopal parish, established in 1853, located in vibrant university community and blessed with active, talented, yet modest members; striving to be a program-centered parish; eager to meet deeply spiritual priest for long term relationship. If you share our vision that includes working collaboratively to enhance participation and ministry for all of our flock, please contact: **Jean Lloyd-Jones, Trinity Episcopal Church, 320 E. College, Iowa City, IA 52240** or check our web page at www.trinityic.org to explore the possibilities.

MISSIONER FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH: Diocese of Central Pennsylvania is looking for a full-time diocesan lay staff member. The person for this newly created position is to be a resource for the young people of the diocese during their formative years as they learn about the Christian faith and life. The person will work with both the Department of Christian Education and Youth to strategize and plan ministry with children and youth, serving as contact with parish Christian educators and youth ministry leaders, visiting parishes to support and encourage educational opportunities, overseeing the diocesan resource center and providing staff organizational support for diocesan youth gatherings/conferences. Experience in the church working with children and youth is hoped for. Please send resume to **The Rt. Rev. Michael W. Creighton, Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, P.O. Box 11937, Harrisburg, PA 17109 - 1937**.

POSITIONS OFFERED

RECTOR: Christ Church of Whitefish Bay is located on the shore of Lake Michigan in southeastern Wisconsin, a suburb of Milwaukee, and is home to a 1,000-member parish drawing from several communities. We value Eucharistic-centered worship and related traditions, Christian formation, service within our community and beyond, and welcoming new members into our parish life. We are seeking a rector who will maintain these core values, share our vision for spiritual growth, and empower our strong lay leadership in its ministries. Fellowship between clergy and parishioners is important to our parish family. We are energized by the anticipation of the spiritual leadership which only a rector can provide. Inquiries to: **Paulie McCown, 5428 West Parkview Drive, Mequon, Wisconsin 53092, e-mail: pmcco@wi.rr.com**

YOUTH MINISTER: Established program with strong parish support seeks full-time youth minister. Send resumes to **St. Francis Episcopal Church, 3506 Lawndale Drive, Greensboro, NC 27408** or **StFrancisRector@aol.com**

RETREAT CENTERS

DUNCAN CONFERENCE CENTER, 15820 S. Military Trail, Delray Beach, FL 33484. Telephone (561) 496-4130. Website: www.DuncanCenter.org Located in beautiful Delray Beach, Florida, 5 miles from the Atlantic Ocean. Beaches, golf and tennis courts nearby. Individual and group retreats; conferences and day meetings; bed and breakfast for clergy and lay families, family reunions. Sleeping accommodations for 79; meeting and dining space for 100.

FOR SALE AND RENT

EPISCOPAL CHURCH SIGNS - Aluminum, familiar colors, single and double face, economical; brackets, too. For information: **St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church, 3413 Old Bainbridge Road, Tallahassee, FL 32303. (850) 562-1595.**

MOVING TO FLORIDA? Call, write or e-mail your request for the "Episcopal Florida Relocation Guide," featuring church locations, community profiles, cultural amenities and tips for easing your transition to life in the Sunshine State. A service of the Episcopal Diocese of Central Florida. E-mail Cfweek@aol.com; write to "Relocation" at the diocese, 1017 E. Robinson St., Orlando, FL 32801; phone (407) 423-3567; web site: www.cfdiocese.org

SERVICES OFFERED

LEATHER BOUND BIBLES: Have your Bible hand covered with leather at Old Leather Books. <http://www.oldleather.com> (617) 489-1528

TRAVEL/TOURS

ATTENTION CLERGY: Lead your parish, friends and family on a pilgrimage to ISRAEL and extend to Greece, Turkey, England, Africa, etc. and travel FREE. Call or write: **Journeys Unlimited, 500 8th Ave., New York, NY 10018: (800) 486-8359 or FAX (212) 736-8959.** E-mail: holytours@worldnet.att.net Web site: journeys-unlimited.com

WORLDWIDE PILGRIMAGE MINISTRIES arranges group adult, youth and choir spiritual journeys to Israel, Turkey, Greece, Italy, England, France, Ireland and South Africa. Contact Worldwide, a mission creation of FRESH-MINISTRIES, for information and to inquire about clergy and youth leader familiarization trips. Ph: 800-260-5104; email: wwpill@aol.com - website: www.wwpilgrimages.org

WANTED

CLERGY VESTMENTS: Black wool cloaks, stoles, chasubles, Holy Communion kits, altarware, etc. For churches in Newfoundland and Labrador. Also, clergy for short or long term assignments. Contact: **St. Paul's, 390 Main St., North Andover, MA 01845**

STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT AND CIRCULATION

The Living Church Weekly. Annual subscription price \$39.50. The office of publication and general business office are located at 816 E. Juneau Ave., P.O. Box 514036, Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, WI 53203-3436. Publication number 00245240.

The name and address of the publisher are: The Living Church Foundation, Inc., 816 E. Juneau Ave., P.O. Box 514036, Milwaukee, WI 53203-3436.

The name and address of the editor are: David A. Kalvelage, 816 E. Juneau Ave., P.O. Box 514036, Milwaukee, WI 53203-3436.

The managing editor is: John E. Schuessler, 816 E. Juneau Ave., P.O. Box 514036, Milwaukee, WI 53203-3436.

The owner is: The Living Church Foundation, Inc., a non-profit corporation with no stockholders, located at 816 E. Juneau Ave., P.O. Box 514036, Milwaukee, WI 53203-3436.

Known bondholder, mortgagees, and other security holders owning or holding 1 percent or more of total amount of bonds, mortgages or other securities are: none.

The purpose, function, and non-profit status of this organization and the exempt status for Federal income tax purposes have not changed during the preceding 12 months.

EXTENT AND NATURE OF CIRCULATION

The average number of copies of each issue during the preceding 12 months are:

A. Total number of copies printed—net press run: 10,380

B. Paid and/or requested circulation:

1. Paid/requested outside-county mail subscriptions stated on form 3541: 9,289

2. Paid in-county subscriptions: 46

3. Sales through dealers, etc.: N/A

4. Other classes mailed through the USPS: N/A

C. Total paid circulation: 9,335

D. Free distribution by mail:

1. Outside-county as stated on form 3541: 743

2. In-county as stated on form 3541: 3

3. Other classes mailed through USPS: N/A

E. Free distribution outside the mail: N/A

F. Total free distribution: 746

G. Total distribution: 10,081

H. Copies not distributed: 299

I. Total: 10,380

Percent paid and/or requested circulation: 93%

The actual number of copies of single issues published nearest filing date (Sept. 30, 2001) are:

A. Total number of copies printed—net press run: 9,605

B. Paid and/or requested circulation:

1. Paid/requested outside-county mail subscriptions stated on form 3541: 9,157

2. Paid in-county subscriptions: 43

3. Sales through dealers, etc.: N/A

4. Other classes mailed through the USPS: N/A

C. Total paid circulation: 9,200

D. Free distribution by mail:

1. Outside-county as stated on form 3541: 123

2. In-county as stated on form 3541: 2

3. Other classes mailed through USPS: N/A

E. Free distribution outside the mail: N/A

F. Total free distribution: 125

G. Total distribution: 9,325

H. Copies not distributed: 280

I. Total: 9,605

Percent paid and/or requested circulation: 99%

I CERTIFY THAT THE STATEMENTS MADE BY ME ABOVE ARE CORRECT AND COMPLETE.

Betty A. Glatzel, General Manager

Plan beautiful music.



The Episcopal Musician's Handbook provides all the information needed to prepare music for each liturgical service. With 10 pages of resources, event calendars, a hymn check-list, hymn selections, and weekly grids, this yearly guide is every church musician's unbeatable resource. Order yours for \$20 (add \$3.50 S/H for one book, \$5 for two or more books).

The **E**piscopal Musician's Handbook

The 45th Edition Lectionary Year A 2001-2002

Begins with Advent 1 — December 2, 2001

Check our web site at www.livingchurch.org for ordering instructions or call us toll-free at 1-877-822-8228 to place an order using Visa or Mastercard or send your check to: The Living Church, P.O. Box 514036, Milwaukee, WI 53203-3436.