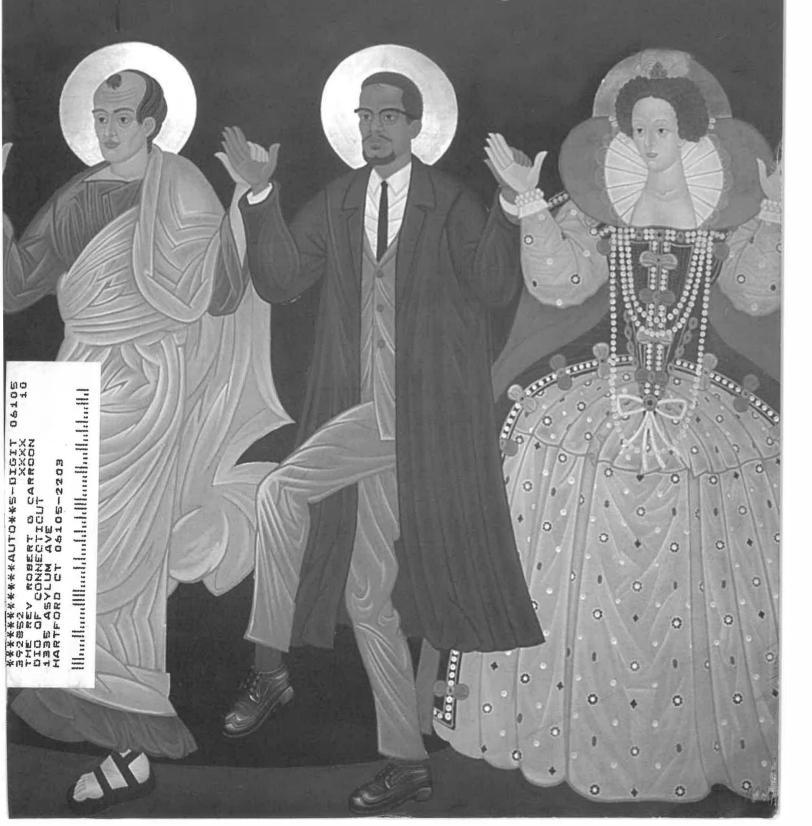
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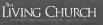
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The Dancing Saints, an original mural by icon painter Mark Dukes at St. Gregory of Nyssa Church in San Francisco, includes the theologian Origen (left), Malcolm X, and Queen Elizabeth I. When complete, 90 public figures chosen by congregation members will be led by Christ. Among the important moments in history represented in the mural is the U.S. Civil Rights Movement **[p.11]**. Additional information can be found at the church website: http://www.saintgregorys.org/lcons/. Photos by David Sanger





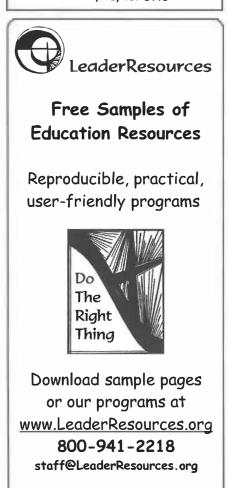
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#### SUNDAY'S **READINGS**

# 'If You Love Me ...'

#### ... Keep my commandments. (John 14:15)

#### The Third Sunday of Pentecost, June 2, 2002

Deut. 11:18-21,26-28; Psalm 31 or 31:1-5,19-24; Rom. 3:21-25a,28; Matt. 7:21-27

All the lessons today deal with the law, but each puts the law in a different setting.

Deuteronomy sends the message that the law is not only "holy, just, and good" (Rom. 7:12), the law was given by God so he could display his perfect ways through the lives of his children. As they incorporate his ways into their lives, they find the way to his life. They are to see, work, ponder, discuss, and walk in his ways (v.18). By this they will be blessed.

This blessing and the curse become self-fulfilling prophesies. Those who live according to them will find that God has touched them through their living in his ways. Their lives reflect the glory of his love and his tenderness. As for those who do not follow the law, they reap the rewards of refusing God's ways, of rebelling against the laws of heaven, of choosing their own paths.

Paul is addressing a different issue in the third chapter of Romans. In this setting, the law represents cultural or religious expectations found in the Jewish culture of that day. The question was, "Must a new convert observe these works of the law in addition to faith in the risen Christ?" Paul's response needs to cover two things. First, no sinful person can obey these, even the Roman Christians. Second, how could anything add to the completeness of the cross for our perfect atonement?

If the context of Romans is legalism, then the issue in Matthew is the opposite — antinomianism. "Not everyone will enter the kingdom of heaven" (7:21) – not even those who have stories of extraordinary works of God.

The target of Jesus' warning is unexpected and deserves a close look. The reprimand goes to those who use the right language, do remarkable exorcisms, perform miracles, and give prophesies. Sounds pretty spiritual, doesn't it?

And maybe the person is. The warning is to those who do those things and are a bit fast and loose with doing the clear will of his Father in heaven. To be known for performing miracles does not excuse the person from conforming his or her life to the way God expects us to live.

The point of the lessons is, "If you love me, keep my commandments." No one is off the hook. The laws of heaven, the will of his Father, are constructed with our deepest good in mind. As we follow and incorporate them in our lives, we are blessed in the best meaning of the word. We find that our lives are given the deeper dimensions of peace, joy, and hope. And he shows to the watching world that he is the only one who can give life and give it abundantly.

#### Look It Up

What are some of the commandments that Jesus tells us to observe? (*John 13:34*)

#### **Think About It**

Are there equivalent laws that we unofficially impose on newcomers? Are there reasons we quietly hold for letting us be exempt from obedience?

#### Next Sunday

Pentecost 3 Hosea 5:15—6:6; Psalm 50 or Psalm 50: 7-15; Rom. 4:13-18; Matt. 9:9-13

# Sentence Modified: Instead of Deposed, Bishop Jones Is Suspended for Five Years

A Court of Review of the Trial of a Bishop has ruled that a lower court did not abuse its discretion in finding the former Bishop of Montana, the



Rt. Rev. Charles I. Jones III, guilty of immorality and conduct unbecoming a member of the clergy. The lower court did, however, commit error in basing its sentencing decision on immaterial evidence and

**Bishop Jones** 

erroneous conclusions of law. "The church must carefully guard

its pastoral mission to promote justice, peace and love," the review court wrote in its conclusion. "By the same token, a sentence to be appropriate must be based upon facts properly before the court. A sentence based on allegations or facts beyond the scope of the court's proper inquiry would be as erroneous and harmful as no sentence at all."

Based on the appeals court finding, Bishop Jones' original sentence of deposition has been modified to a five-year suspension on condition that he undergo additional psychological and medical counseling both at the start of the five-year suspension and at its conclusion. He must also pay the church a mutually agreed-upon sum as reimbursement for expenses that the church paid to the victim for extensive psychotherapy. Before the suspension takes effect, the Most Rev. Frank T. Griswold III, Presiding

## **Connecticut Priest Arrested**

A Connecticut priest is free on bail after he was arrested May 5 in West Hartford on child neglect and narcotics charges.

Police allege that the Rev. Donald J. Hannan III dropped off his two daughters, ages 5 and 7, at a local playground. The police became involved after they were summoned by a parent who was alarmed that the girls had no adult supervision. While police were trying to track down Fr. Hannan, he allegedly returned and dropped off his 10-year-old son nearby.

Police told *The Hartford Courant* that four hours had elapsed by the time he returned to retrieve the children. Fr. Hannan was arrested on three counts of risk of injury to a child. During a subsequent search of his car, police found a small amount of crack cocaine. A hearing was scheduled in Hartford Superior court for May 16. Richard Brown, a Hartford lawyer representing Fr. Hannan, told the *Courant* on May 8

that his client will plead not guilty.

From 1987 through March 2001 Fr. Hannan was rector of Grace Church in nearby Windsor. During his tenure the congregation became more involved in community service and Fr. Hannan became well respected as a passionate community leader, especially about issues involving children.

He resigned rather abruptly, according to senior warden Barry Loucks, in March 2001, about two months after his wife, Katherine, filed for divorce. Since that time he has been unemployed, although he remains a priest in the Diocese of Connecticut.

"His arrest and the charges against him are of deep concern and we offer all the pastoral resources of the diocese to him and his family," said the Rt. Rev. Andrew D. Smith, Bishop of Connecticut, in a written statement. "The diocese is conducting an appropriate review of the situation in accordance with church canons and diocesan policy." Bishop, must pronounce sentence, according to canon law.

Bishop Jones, who wrote and submitted his own appeal briefs without the assistance of a lawyer, said the the decision to modify the original sentence had brought a measure of justice and closure to a long ordeal.

In 1993, a female parishioner at the Kentucky church where Bishop Jones was vicar prior to his 1986 election in Montana alleged an abusive relationship had occurred. Bishop Jones admitted guilt and agreed to undergo treatment during a medical leave of absence from the diocese. Neither this nor a subsequent review of the incident in 1997 constituted a trial, the court ruled.

In determining the original sentence, the Court of Review said the lower court erred by taking into account evidence which was beyond the scope of the original presentment and also by engaging in speculation about future conduct.

In a number of affidavits received by the lower court, members of the Diocese of Montana alleged that Bishop Jones had committed nonsexual abuses of power in recent years. The appeals court said that having people in the diocese upset with the leadership performance of the bishop is not a violation of the canons. The court reserved its strongest criticism of the lower court for basing its sentence in part on speculation about future conduct.

"It was error and an abuse of discretion for the lower court to have relied, even in part, upon speculation in the determination of the appropriate sentence. The extent of the error is exacerbated by the fact that the speculation as to future conduct is not based on any factual evidence of present condition relative to sexual misconduct or exploitation," the appeals court ruled.

# Conferences Work to End Middle East Violence

Meetings in Canada and Egypt produce statements of reconciliation and negotiation.

The council of Associated Parishes for Liturgy and Mission (APLM) has issued a statement critical of the response of the United States and its allies to the events of September 11. The council met in British Columbia, Canada, "to witness and learn from the struggle for reconciliation

between Native and non-Native peoples in the Anglican Church of Canada."

The statement compares the reactions to 9/11, the Canadian church's 19th-century dealings with First Nations people, and responses to "the escalation of conflict between the Israeli and Palestinian peoples."

In the statement, the council "calls upon our churches to reclaim our Paschal legacy" and upon "all faithful people to make the daily and difficult choice for nonviolence and peacemaking action." It "call[s] upon our churches to be advocates and agents of justice" and further, "to end our unreflective collaboration with governments ... We call upon all Christians to eschew 'holy war,' and we invite peacemakers everywhere to join this disavowal."

The document can be read on the website *www.associated-parishes.org.* 

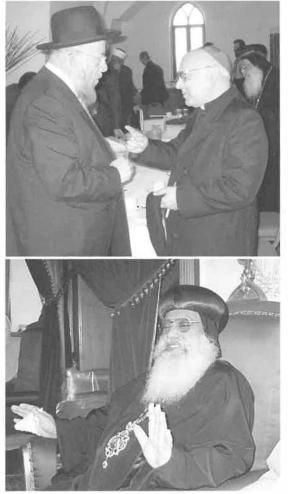
Associated Parishes was formed in 1946 primarily "to restore the Eucharist as the main service on Sunday."

Meanwhile, discussions have continued regarding another statement, the Alexandria Declaration, issued in Alexandria, Egypt, in January.

"In the Name of God who is Almighty, Merciful and Compassionate, we, who have gathered as religious leaders from the Muslim, Christian and Jewish communities, pray for true peace in Jerusalem and the Holy Land, and declare our commitment to ending the violence and bloodshed that denies the right to life and dignity," the statement begins.

The second paragraph addresses the current strife in the Holy Land:

"According to our faith traditions, killing innocents in the name of God is



**Top:** One of the Rabbinic representatives speaks with the Latin Patriarch Michel Sabbah.

Bottom: Archbishop Dr. Anba Abraham of the Coptic Orthodox Church. Photos by James A. Diamond

> a desecration of his Holy Name, and defames religion on the world. The violence in the Holy Land is an evil which must be opposed by all people of good faith."

> The seeds of the extraordinary meeting took root during a conversation between a canon of Coventry Cathe

dral, England, and an Israeli government minister. Coventry is home to the International Centre for Reconciliation and the Community of the Cross of Nails. The Very Rev. James Diamond, dean of Christ Church Cathedral, Cincinnati, Ohio, and president of the

Community of the Cross of Nails, U.S.A., was present at the January meeting and a subsequent March gathering in Jerusalem. In attendance were members of the Knesset and of the Palestinian cabinet, representatives of the Greek, Latin, Armenian and Melkite patriarchs, and the Anglican Bishop of Jerusalem, the Sephardi chief rabbi and the chief justice of the Sharia courts.

The basic question of the conflict in Palestine was reframed. "The meeting asked, 'What would the conflict look like as a religions conflict?' The line between religion and politics is a thin one" in that part of the world, Dean Diamond said. "This is about two parties at war, and a third party in between." He said the Christians of both Israel and Palestine are caught in the middle.

The Rev. Canon Andrew White, of Coventry Cathedral, wrote in a Sunday Times article, "When leaders of both sides suggested the Archbishop [of Canterbury] could play a part in the peace process, we put together a proposal...Telephone calls went backwards and forwards to Yasser Arafat and Ariel Sharon..."

The Statement can be read at *www.christchurchcincinnati.org.* 

"The point is not who is committing the greater acts of terrorism," Dean Diamond said. "The point is how do we stop the violence. Our plan is to get back together. We need to keep talk-

When the Episcopal Church's House of Bishops met in March, 79 bishops signed a statement affirming the Alexandria Declaration.

ing."

# **Pakistani Christians in a 'Delicate Position'**

A democratically elected prime minister is overthrown by the military



Pervez Musharraf

and civil law is replaced by a self-appointed military governor. Normally such news would be met with disapproval by Christians, but in October 1999, when the Chairman of the Joint Chief of Staffs Committee, Gen. Pervez Musharraf,

named himself chief executive in a bloodless coup, many of Pakistan's Christian minority rejoiced.

"He restored our schools which had been nationalized in 1992," said the Rt. Rev. Alexander John Malik, Bishop of Lahore in the Church of Pakistan. "The government has been very supportive (of the Christian minority.)"

The Diocese of Lahore, founded in 1877, with 200,000 baptized members, is the largest and oldest among the nine which comprise what is currently one of the Anglican Communion's most volatile provinces. Bishop Malik, the senior prelate, was in the United States recently to attend a meeting of the International Bible Study. He spoke briefly with TLC.

"We are in a very delicate position at the moment," Bishop Malik said. "In Islam politics and religion go together. Most [Pakistanis] think all Americans are Christians. They think that by hurting Christians they are hurting Americans."

In addition to a potentially volatile political environment, the situation for the Church of Pakistan is further complicated by the fact that it has been without a primate (the title in Pakistan is moderator), since 1998. The Church of Pakistan was created in 1970 when Anglicans, Methodists, Lutherans and several other protestant denominations merged. The Archbishop of Canterbury has authorized Bishop Malik to perform a number of the ecclesiastical functions, such as consecrations and ordinations, normally reserved for the moderator.

"We are in a sort of constitutional impasse at the moment," he said. "This is partly to be blamed on the combined denominations, some of whom still do not fully understand the role of a bishop within the church, but we will find a constitutional solution. This is part of our growing pains."

Bishop Malik believes that reform of Pakistan's educational system is essential if the country is to be successful in its attempts to modernize. Students currently pay tuition to attend public schools. In a country where annual per capita income is estimated to be less than \$2,000, even minimal tuition fees are out of reach for many of the 40 percent of the population that falls below the poverty line. Schools run by religious institution — primarily Islamic, but also Christian and others attempt to meet the needs of those who otherwise could not afford an education. The problem is that a number of the Islamic schools are financed by individuals and groups seeking the violent establishment of a fundamentalist Islamic state.

"The Madrassas," Bishop Malik said, "they are the worst."

## **Former Supreme Court Justice White Interred in Denver**

Representatives from the highest reaches of the United States judicial system gathered at St. John's Cathedral, Denver, Colo., April 20 to pay respects to former Supreme Court Justice Byron R. White.

"We have come to this great cathedral of the West to pray to God for one of the West's greatest sons and to give thanks for a long life so well and fully lived," said the Very Rev. Peter

Eaton, dean, in his homily <sup>Justice</sup> to the congregation of 700. "One of the persistent legends of the West is the legend of the outlaw. But it is one of the noble truths of the West that we have given to our nation some of its most distinguished framers and interpreters and enforcers of the law. In that noble company of Western lawmen, Byron White has held a secure place for over 40 years."

Five of the nine current members of the Supreme Court –

Stephen Breyer, Antonin Scalia, David Souter, John Paul Stevens and Clarence Thomas were joined by among others Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.), U.S. Solicitor General Ted Olson, and numerous former law clerks

Justice White who entered the cathedral two by two in the order of years in West which they had served.

Justice White, who died April 15 in Denver at age 84 from complications of pneumonia, was the last living justice who served during an era from 1953 to 1969 when the court was in the vanguard on a number of civil rights decisions, including an end to racial segregation and enforcement of due process for criminal defendants.

"The judge now appears before the judge of all, and I wonder what that meeting might be like," Dean Eaton said. "The earthly judge will no doubt expect from his heavenly judge the same close scrutiny for which Byron was known in life, and, like the good, independently-minded Westerner that he was, Byron will know how to take the rough with the smooth."

A long-time member of the Episcopal Church, Justice White and his wife, Marion Stearns, chose St. John's as their home parish after the couple returned to Colorado from Washington, D.C., several years ago. Following the service, his remains were interred at All Souls' Walk, the cathedral columbarium.

#### Sexuality Resolutions Adopted Peacefully

For the first time in 24 years, two resolutions on human sexuality were adopted by convention in the Diocese of Maryland without intense and sometimes rancorous debate.

The main resolution was submitted by a special committee on human sexuality that held "sacred conversations" around the diocese for months. It admits that "no clear consensus has emerged," but calls for "a period of active discernment" to "obtain a clearer sense of God's presence (in these) complex issues." The resolution also called for more study of General Convention resolution D039 which calls for more "conversation" and Resolution 2000-5 of the diocesan convention two years ago encouraging the "open participation of the church's lesbian and gay members in its corporate life."

The second resolution called for more "enhanced" dialogue on the issue and for more parishes to identify themselves as "welcoming and affirming congregations."

In 1978, the first formal committee report on sexuality, including remarriage after divorce, ordination of women, and the acceptance of homosexual persons in the life of the church, was presented to the Maryland convention. The reaction was so strong then that some delegates questioned whether to accept it for discussion and a vote, said the Rev. P. Kingsley Smith, diocesan historiographer.

This year convention tradition was broken when clergy and lay delegates were seated randomly. All were encouraged to share information about parish successes and to celebrate one another's differences.

"Our differences have become barriers," said guest speaker, the Rt. Rev. Charles F. Duvall "Racism, classism, you name it, we've got it," the retired Bishop of the Central Gulf Coast said. Only the "richness of the folklore of our brothers and sisters ... and the love we have for one another will erase all the ... 'isms' so we can rejoice to be together in the Lord."

Another adopted resolution calls for a special commission to create a program of "information and awareness" that would help prevent youth suicides. Youth members of the diocese argued that suicide is the third leading cause of death of young people 15-24, behind accidents and homicide.

Diocesan Bishop Robert W. Ihloff and Bishop Suffragan John L. Rabb said they are excited about the many "special ministries" throughout the diocese, but are worried about a shortage of "resources and resource sharing."

"We need to be flexible, pliable and ready for adventure," said Bishop Ihloff, "and to free ourselves from selfish parochialism."

Val Hymes

#### **Model for Growth**

In a special convention May 4, the Rt. Rev. William E. Swing, Bishop of **California**, exhorted his diocese to enlarge "the tent" by adopting "Jubilate Deo" as a diocesan program.

"We are a people on mission," he said, in calling on the diocese to adopt the program which includes projects of mission, evangelism and ministry.

The ambitious program calls for:

- Growing new congregations.
- Creating a new diocesan operation for congregational development.
- Creating a new ministry development department to help congregations empower, train and celebrate the baptismal ministries of all members.
- Supporting the youth ministry academy and the Center for Faith Formation.
- Supporting the ministry development and ordination model initiated by the Latino Commission.

Pan-Pacific and other groups were encouraged to "explore, adapt and work with this model" which calls for local identification and training for candidates for holy orders.

"Jubilate Deo" also includes endorsement of a \$6 million capital



Richard Snyder photo Bishop Swing (right) confers with Hugo Videla, translator for the Jubilate Deo convention.

campaign for Episcopal Charities. The bishop noted that much of that amount already has been pledged.

The proposal before the convention, Bishop Swing said, was a resolution in principle. Details and costs still "have to be put together." Bishop Swing said he anticipates that details will be available for the regular diocesan convention in October.

After workshops were held to explain the new plan, delegates reassembled to consider the resolution. The Rev. Nedi Moore noted that under convention rules, no amendments to the resolution would be considered. She asked the bishop if there would be "repercussions" if the resolution were voted down.

The bishop noted that the project was a product of several years of work at clergy conferences and diocesan conventions.

The resolution was adopted by a nearly unanimous voice vote.

Dick Snyder

#### **Corrections:**

An item in the Briefly section [TLC, May 12] reported that Bishop Peter J. Lee of Virginia said he would not censor a talk by Princeton scholar Elaine Pagels because he is not "a censor of unorthodoxy and guarantor of tradition." Bishop Lee reports that he did not identify the lecture by Ms. Pagels when he wrote in his diocesan newspaper about how he viewed the best way to guarantee the authenticity of orthodox faith.

The article about nominations for bishop coadjutor in the Diocese of Texas referred to nominees being chosen by a nominating committee [TLC, May 12]. The candidates were identified in a selfselecting process.

# **Not Short on Questions**

No matter how much I read or study or experience, I always find myself short in the knowledge department. That's why I have to keep asking questions. Like the following:

Does anyone besides me have trouble pronouncing King Artaxerxes?

Isn't the 20/20 program about 20 years overdue?

Does anyone else find it strange that "Midnight Mass" for Christmas usually begins at 10:30 or 11 p.m.?

If same-sex blessings are not intended to be marriages, then why do clergy list them as marriages in the *Episcopal Clerical Directory*?

Whatever became of hell?

Why don't more congregations realize the importance of having a website?

Aren't many Episcopalians referring to

"Easter Week" when they really mean "Holy Week?"

Isn't the discovery of Compline one of the better things to happen in the church during the past decade?

Can someone explain to me why the church is so anxious to purge itself of traditionalists?

Is there anything more annoying than having

someone's cellphone ring during the Eucharist?

Is it my imagination or are church members beginning to have a greater interest in religious communities?

Is anyone actually looking forward to the next General Convention?

Whatever became of Ascension Day?

Quick, can anyone name the organization which succeeded the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief?

Is there a good reason why so many start-up congregations have unusual names?

With Lutherans now in the full communion fold, can the Presbyterians be far behind?

Aren't we getting just a bit carried away with these labyrinths?

Isn't an accused member of the clergy guilty until proven innocent under the Title IV canons?

Is anything more boring than a deanery meeting?

If Colossians 3:18 is OK for the Daily Office lectionary, why is it omitted from the eucharistic lectionary?

Is there a particular reason why all of a sudden people are referring to Episcopal church buildings as "sanctuaries?"

If Anglican primates decide to impose some sort of disciplinary action on the Episcopal Church, would any Episcopalians care?

Is it my imagination, or is Rite I being phased out?

Has there ever been a search committee that didn't place a high priority on youth ministry?

Whatever became of the Rogation Days?

Wouldn't our churches be more appealing to visitors if we took better care of the grounds?

Aren't most Episcopalians still confused over what the word "mission" means?

Isn't the 20/20 program more about church growth than evangelism?

Why do people get such enjoyment out of

finding an error in TLC? Aren't you amazed when you find a church

office without an answering machine or voicemail? Will the next General

Convention be the one to produce the "line-in-thesand" issue we've heard about for years?

Aren't college chaplaincies more important now than ever?

Is it really necessary for some clergy to preach for a half hour or more?

Aren't the retired clergy an underused resource in most of the church?

Is there a more moving experience in the church than the Maundy Thursday liturgy?

When our theological seminaries publish informational brochures, shouldn't there be at least some mention of God?

Shouldn't the Episcopal Church expect some fallout from the scandal in the Roman Catholic Church?

Isn't it only a matter of time before we declare that belief in the ordination of women is a requirement for membership in the Episcopal Church?

Whatever became of the SWEEP program?

Aren't we nearing the end of denominational loyalty?

Can you imagine how the church would be changed if only 10 percent of our people tithed?

Is there a piece of scripture more difficult to swallow than Matthew 12:31?

#### Did You Know...

The Diocese of Kootenay in the Anglican Church of Canada has set a 10-year term for its bishops.

#### Quote of the Week

Author Frederica Mathewes-Green on observing Orthodox Pascha five weeks after Western Easter: " ... it's strange to do it when the rest of the world has already said, 'Hooray! It's Easter! Have some ham!"



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#### **EDITORIALS**

## Summer Travel

Among the pleasures of traveling can be visits to churches in other places. Worshiping with a congregation in a resort community, in a large city, or almost any place where Christians gather can be a rewarding experience. Though the calendar does not reflect it, the Memorial Day weekend marks the beginning of the summer season in many places. That often means vacations. In some parts of the

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near major tourist attractions will be preparing to offer a welcome to travelers. We urge readers to attend a church while on vacation. To help travelers find a parish, we offer an expanded list of churches in our directory during the summer months. This paid advertising is by no means comprehensive, but rather it is reflective of what might be available to vacationers. Churches listed in this magazine do so in an attempt to attract visitors, and they extend hospitality to guests. Travelers are urged to check the Church Directory before leaving on vacation, and to watch for the familiar blue and white Episcopal Church signs as they journey. We hope

## A Growing Commitment

your visits to other churches will be positive experiences.

We are hearing a great deal these days about church growth. The 20/20 initiative, prompted by General Convention, has given the matter national attention. It has been a topic of interest for local congregations for some time. While the national program to double church attendance by 2020 heats up, many parish churches and missions continue their efforts at church growth. Whatever numbers one uses — attendance, communicants, baptized members — there is no denying that the church has lost a large portion of its membership during the past 30-35 years. While some Episcopalians have been content to sit idly and engage in hand-wringing

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We are happy to note there are growing congregations in all parts of the church. Many of them are in parts of the country where the population is increasing rapidly, but others are located in areas where growth and the economy may be stagnant. In some of those churches, the numbers are up, no matter what criteria are used. In other places, growth may be measured more personally. In those congregations, growth is being calculated by the number of persons brought to Christ. Personal spiritual development may be given a higher priority than statistics.

Should we be concerned about numbers? Indeed we should. Church members are called to make disciples, and one of the

ways to measure whether we are fulfilling that mission is through statistics. Admittedly, whatever set of numbers might be used to measure church growth, they are subject to various interpretations. Attendance, the measurement of the 20/20 program, probably will provide the most accurate reading of how the church is doing. (This also might be the time to standardize methods of counting.)

We hope churches will take seriously the matter of church growth, even if their numbers are down, or if they are located in a declining neighborhood or a depressed part of the country. Some creative ministries have brought such congregations to life in recent years, and serious study of those examples could prove beneficial. By committing to growth now, our congregations can take a major step toward helping the church meet its biggest challenge.

# Understanding the Difference

Let us cleave to the gospel, thanking and admiring the heroes and ideals that have moved us in our day, but not worshiping them.

#### By Daniel W. Muth

**R** oughly a century and a half before our Lord's incarnation, there arose in Israel a renewal movement that met with stunning success in aiding the spiritual life of God's people and improving their political lot. It played a central role in removing the "desolating sacrilege" of a pagan statue from the temple and delivering the Israelites from pagan tyranny. It extended the worship of God from the Jewish temple to the Jewish home. Its adherents instructed countless youngsters in his self-revelation and service. Following the destruction of the temple in 70 A.D., this movement would point the way for Judaism for all subsequent centuries. However, as is the wont of such movements, it had in a relatively few decades ossified to the point that our Lord, during his earthly ministry, could accurately say of certain of its adherents that they "teach as doctrines of God the precepts of men."

This movement, of course, is Phariseeism. On the whole, I wouldn't call it a bad thing that the term has become a byword among good Christians. Given the prominence of individual Pharisees in the crucifixion of our Lord, along with his frequently harsh words for many of them, it is entirely appropriate that we hold their name in low regard. Indeed, use of the term for any group of Christians is rightly considered derogatory, even inflammatory. Yet it should not be forgotten that, initially at least, the movement was a striking political and cultic success. To this day, the Pharisees are fondly remembered by many modern Jews as great reformers, which, by and large, they were.

Throughout the history of the church,

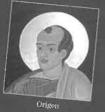
movements of reform have sprouted, succeeded, and then hardened into a narrowed and narrowing faith, neglectful of the full riches of the gospel. The Benedictines, the Franciscans, the great reformers of the 15th century, the Tractarians, and many others have each in turn brought new life to the church, inflaming the embers of Christian devotion and refreshing the wellsprings of Christian witness. Yet many in turn ossified to some extent, as did the Pharisees of old, into a sad garble of "smelly little orthodoxies," serving at their best as weapons to wield against fellow Christians, and at their extreme became flatly idolatrous.

In our day, the most spectacular spiritual and cultural success belongs to the Civil Rights Movement. It has produced a sea change not only in the way Christians think and deal with each other and their God, but has impacted all of life in those parts of the world traditionally identified as Christian. Its political success is unquestionable. The structures and expectations of this society are utterly different than they were a generation ago. The term "racist" has become a byword, less desirable even than "Pharisee." The American Church has done more than integrate. She has renewed herself in the gospel call to openness and inclusion. Her ministry to the poor and despised is revivified and strongly emphasized. Her tendency toward comfortable compromise with the wealthy and powerful is placed in healthy check.

True to form, however, we are increasingly seeing that, as in so many other cases, the means are becoming the end. The understandings, definitions, paradigms, and assumptions of many in the Throughout the history of the church, movements of reform have sprouted, succeeded, and then hardened into a narrowed and narrowing faith, neglectful of the full riches of the gospel.







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church are increasingly those not of scripture, nor the Great Christian Tradition, but of the Civil Rights Movement. God's actions in scripture and his leading of his church over the centuries are increasingly judged, on the basis not of what he reveals as his definition of justice, but on the term as latter-day Americans define it. The historic church is reckoned as wrong about slavery, sodomy, corporal punishment, the ordination of women, etc., not because she has failed in devotion or obedience to God, but rather because she does not meet the standards of the Civil Rights Movement and its daughter projects, particularly feminism and the homosexual rights movement.

Far too many Christians among us are less concerned with learning and passing on what the church has always believed and taught, than with being tolerant, civil and inclusive. Fine things all, but not a

one of them is central to the gospel as revealed in Jesus Christ. I applaud and respect those who are dedicated to extending political freedoms, equitable treatment, tolerance, and respect to their fellow mortals. I do not necessarily recognize them as fellow Christians, however. Something more clearly is needed.

The goals of the Civil Rights Movement are not equivalent to those of the gospel, and when and if they diverge from that gospel, it is the duty of Christians to resist them.

I regretfully suggest that we are approaching that point. Traditional Christianity has treated such concepts as peace, justice, freedom and love as not existing of their own accord or for their own sakes, but as gifts and creatures of the living God. He defines them. He gifts mankind with them. And he has freely chosen to do so through the agency of holy scripture and the Spirit's guidance of his church over the last 2,000 years. To judge the actions of Christians against such God-given standards is entirely right and necessary. To equate God's standards with those of the Civil Rights Movement, in some cases replacing the former with the latter, smacks of idolatry.

And here, ultimately, is where the wayward renewal movement lands. When the goals of the movement become more important that those of the gospel, or are simply equated with them, then a stilted, truncated version of Christianity begins to masquerade as the real thing - and may even attempt to replace it. This, I think, is happening as traditional Christian virtues are replaced by tolerance and the traditional deadly sins are replaced by the sundry "isms."

This is not to say, of course, that the Civil Rights Movement is to be rejected, or that Christians have always and everywhere been right about slavery, monarchy, and the like; but only that modern understandings of such things, as is the case of those of every era, must find their place within the capacious wings of traditional Christianity. I think the issue

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Malcolm X

here is the age-old one of separating eternal verities from temporal necessities. The definitions and understandings of the Civil Rights Movement neither replace nor sum up all that is good in Christianity. Rather, it is the response of particular Christians at a particular time and place to particular problems of that time and place. As the time slips away, so the movement must change or even be found no longer necessary. Such is clearly not the case with the eternal gospel of the living God, which stands in counterpoint to and judgment of all human institutions. Let us cleave to that gospel thanking and admining the heroes and ideals that have moved us in our day, but not worshiping them. Daniel W. Muth is a member of Christ Church, Port Republic, Md.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# **Challenge to the Church**

I am impressed by the perception and insight of David James in his Viewpoint article [TLC, May 5]. His analysis of the gulf between our church and males effectively challenges the Episcopal Church to review its evangelistic and discipling strategies as we plan for the "20/20" growth initiative. Sexism in either direction breaks the baptismal vow to "...renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God..."

Among Episcopal leaders I cannot think of someone who has done more work to bring men to Christ than the Rev. John W. Yates II of Falls Church, Va. His tireless efforts include writing such books as *How a Man Prays for His Family* (Bethany House, 1996), which challenges every Christian male to be an interceding priest for his loved ones. In his own parish, he meets weekly with a group of young men to disciple them and pray with them. His passion is to call American men to what he calls "godly manliness." By that he means a maleness disciplined by the will of the Father and accountable to other godly men.

I pray that David James' Viewpoint may stirthe church to look for leaders, like John Yates, with a heart to win men to Christ.

(The Rev.) D. Lorne Coyle Trinity Church Vero Beach, Fla.

The Viewpoint commentary by the Rev. David C. James is right on track. Men do seem to have been left out of the rush to offer a specific ministry to almost every other segment of the Episcopal Church.

I would like to acquaint your readers with a solution that has had a profound effect on some Episcopal men in southeastern Pennsylvania. We call it The Gathering of Men. It was started more than 10 years ago by the Rev. Lewis Hartman Mills when he was an associate at St. David's Church, Radnor. He died this year but his memory lives on in the good work achieved in The Gathering of Men. I was a member of the St. David's group until recently when along with another group member and our rector, the Rev. John G. Tampa, we helped establish a second group at St. Peter's Church in the Great Valley.

In the business world what we do in GOM would be called networking, except we deal with feelings, not ideas or solutions, and advice is never offered. My sense is that women have been doing what we're doing since the beginning of time. Perhaps that's why they seem to cope so well. Since being involved with The Gathering of Men, I've learned much more about myself and I have grown spiritually. I've also found that by being involved with others dealing with issues as significant as their own mortality, or maybe just the more average career and family trials, has helped me realize that my own problems are not so unique.

David James got it right when he wrote that men generally don't cope well on their own with the trials of life. When we open ourselves up and learn how to express our feelings on more worldly issues, we also open ourselves up to God.

> Jim Diedrich Radnor, Pa.

#### It's Not Doctrine

Bishop Shipps [TLC, April 28] accurately points out that in Roman Catholicism celibacy is a "rule in the Latin Church" and a "policy."

Implicit is the truth that celibacy is not immutable doctrine within the Roman Church. It is merely a matter of "discipline" within its Western rite(s). There are married former Anglican clergy, and married former Reformed Church clergy (especially in Holland) serving as priests in the Roman Catholic Church. These men are exceptions to the rules in the "Western" portion of the Roman Church. Perhaps more important is the continuous history of married priests in the Eastern rites of the Roman Church. These priests are not married on the basis of Sexism in either direction breaks the baptismal vow to "... renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God ..."



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being granted exceptions, they are within the historical norms and the doctrine of marriage being a sacrament — based on the grace (gift) of God. Unfortunately, the strong Roman teaching of the rule has misled some people into believing that celibacy is doctrine.

> (The Rev.) John Rawlinson St. James'/Santiago Church Oakland, Calif.

#### **Great Deception**

For a considerable amount of time, the following situation has weighed heavily on my mind. During the past year, the vicar of the Episcopal Mission of Saint Bernardo in Ibarra, Ecuador, resigned. Recently, Bishop Neptali Larrea assigned a deacon to the mission to be in charge. From the outset, this deacon has been viewed by the people as a priest and addressed as "Father" because no other presention was made by the bishop as to the deacon's status.

On one Sunday when I attended, I witnessed a most disturbing situation. When the moment of the great prayer of consecration arrived, the deacon, to my surprise, "consecrated" the bread and wine, pronouncing the words of consecration as does any priest. He then distributed communion to the people who received it in faith as the body and blood of Christ. I abstained from receiving as, according to the tradition of the Episcopal Church, a deacon does not have this faculty. I felt that there was a great deception for the faithful present.

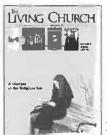
I expressed my concern to the deacon, who replied that the bishop told him that he was in charge and could function in all capacities. He also explained that in his seminary classes his teacher taught that a deacon could celebrate the complete liturgy only omitting the sign of the cross over the elements of bread and wine. I find it sad that a deacon could not reason for himself that this faculty of consecration comes only with ordination. Does this not seem to imply that this diocese is not in communion with the rest of the Anglican Communion?

When a group of concerned clergy presented the situation to the office of the Presiding Bishop, an e-mail response replied, "Peace." As members of the church, we asked Bishop Larrea to help us to understand, and we were told that he didn't give permission for what is occurring. Where do we find the truth and justification?

> (The Rev.) Marco Mejia Ibarra, Ecuador

#### **Immense Influence**

I thoroughly enjoyed the article, "Monastic Life, Episcopal Style" [TLC, May 12]. However, as a longtime associate of the Society of St. John the Evangelist, I was disturbed by the omission of any reference in the article to this order. As the first community for men established after the Reformation, its founder, Fr. Richard Meaux Benson, had an immense influence on the Anglican religious communities which have continued to develop since then.



(The Rev.) William C. Houghton The Woodlands, Texas

In response to the article on monastic life by Dede Bruns, I am profoundly shocked that Holy Cross Abbey, V Bishop Loui S. Luos in

founded 1847 by Bishop Levi S. Ives in Valle Crucis, N.C., was not mentioned. Although it existed only two years, Br. William West Skiles served as missionary to the local people and maintained his vows for life.

The monastery's existence as the first since Reformation times is documented in many publications, including TLC. The work of Holy Cross Abbey and Brother Skiles continue at Church of the Holy Cross, Valle Crucis Conference Center, and St. John the Baptist Church. Notably St. John's Church was founded by Br. Skiles and has reopened this summer.

Internal consistency of your publication ought to be maintained by recognizing these historic claims because of the fact they were published in TLC.

> (The Rev.) John C. Zellner Church of the Holy Cross Valle Crucis, N.C.

The article by Ms. Bruns was not intended to be a comprehensive history of monasticism in the Episcopal Church, but rather a glimpse at monastic life. Ed.

#### Women Christian Mystics Speak to Our Times

Edited by David B. Perrin, O.M.I. Sheed & Ward. Pp. 209. \$16.95 paper.

The 11 women scholars whose essays comprise this book examine the spiritual lives of mystics through the lens of feminist spirituality, psychology and historical and social contexts.

Part I provides an overview of medieval women mystics and their contribution to our times. For example, Ellen Ross, in "Visions of Spirit," describes medieval women mystics "as public heralds and living embodiments of the Divine ..." and delineates how contemporary spirituality can draw on their spiritual practices and wisdom.

Part II's opening essay, by Jane McAvoy, examines the "fruitfulness of Christian suffering" in the life of Catherine of Siena and the challenge that her spiritual instruction in *The Dialogue* presents to women today. Julian of Norwich is the subject of two quite different essays. Ann Astell's moving essay brings together her understanding of Julian's doctrine of prayer and the neardeath experience of a friend.

In the final essay, Wendy M. Wright focuses on Elizabeth Ann Seton, whose "acquiescence to the Will of God" clearly places her among other mystics, even though her dates, 1774-1821, place her well beyond other mystics.

#### The Friendship of Women A Spiritual Tradition

By Joan Chittister, O.S.B. Icons by Marcie Bircher Sheed & Ward and Benetvision. Pp. 68. \$17.95 paper.

#### **Rediscovering Friendship** Awakening to the Promise and Power

of Women's Friendships By Elisabeth Moltmann-Wendel

Fortress. Pp. 127. \$15 paper.

These two volumes address a common subject, the friendship of women, from quite distinct perspectives.

Sr. Joan Chittister's small book lends itself to a meditative reading. Marie Bircher's icons enhance that use as well. Each chapter opens with a brief reflection on a particular characteristic of friendship and then pres-

#### Plan beautiful music.

ents a biblical woman exemplifying that quality. The author draws on such women as Lydia, whose role is "to lead us beyond herself"; Martha of Bethany, who tells us that women have their own truth to tell the world and that truth gives women a new sense of worth; Elizabeth, who offers encouragement, support, unfailing understanding; and Anne, who opens the way to growth and fulfillment for another. This small volume warrants serious reflection.

Elisabeth Moltmann-Wendel, German theologian and writer, sees friendships to be of increasing significance as family connectedness diminishes. The book's opening chapter traces the biblical basis of friend and friendship from Abraham and Moses through Wisdom literature where "God is a friend of life" and into a development of the various New Testament usages of the terms "friend" and "friendship."

In succeeding chapters, the author explores questions around early Christianity's ideas of friendship and sets forth her belief that celebrating the Eucharist as a friendship meal would restore to it a vitality, a sense of intimacy and of freedom while not forgetting the reality of Jesus' self-surrender for the well-being of his friends. Just as Jesus' meals with others both satisfied and gave pleasure, so we need to find a way through the communion meal to "taste and see how friendly God is." The author challenges the traditional understanding of sin in the face of the biblical promise of friendship with God.

Elisabeth Moltmann-Wendel, in her chapter "My Body—My Friend" develops her thesis that women must come to trust their own bodies and find new wholeness in them and at the same time become friends with the earth and thus meet new challenges. The writer does not claim that friendships are easy, but she does maintain that they can break down the barriers and separations and open us to know "the secret power of God's earth." Her final words in this articulate, searching work are "Women, my friends, wake up!"

> Joyce M. Glover Richmond, Va.

#### Praying with the Celtic Saints, Prophets, Martyrs, and Poets

By June Skinner Sawyers Sheed & Ward. \$14.95. Pp. 208. ISBN 1-58051-094-9

This lovely little book features short entries describing the lives, temptations, insights, and struggles of not only Celtic saints but also Celtic prophets, martyrs and poets. Each selection is preceded by a quotation from or about the featured person and concludes with a thought to ponder. When appropriate. each entry is accompanied by a descriptive listing of significant sacred sites, museums, or other important landmarks. From Patrick and Columba to Seamus Heaney and William Butler Yeats, it is timeless and timely, practical and wise. It is an excellent spiritual guide for use throughout the year and to take along on a pilgrimage when visiting Scotland, Ireland and England.

> (The Rev.) Marlyne Seymour Elkhorn, Wis.

#### **To Hear Celestial Harmonies** Essays on the Witness of James DeKoven and The DeKoven Center

Edited by Robert Boak Slocum and Travis Talmadge Du Priest Pp. 105 paper. \$12 (includes shipping) ISBN 0-88028-237-1

This short, but rich, book gives not only a biography of James DeKoven but also a description of the events which have led, in the last 150 years, to the present day DeKoven Center, a vibrant gathering place welcoming those seeking a time of peace and renewal.

DeKoven is remembered for his efforts to reposition the mystical and the sacramental within a Christianity which, affected by the Enlightenment, had become overly rational and sterile. He was not approved by the Episcopal Church of his time. However, much of what he proposed has now become standard liturgical practice, and enlivens our services.

Besides being a good read, the significant history relayed in *Celestial Harmonies* earns it a place in the library of any Episcopal church.

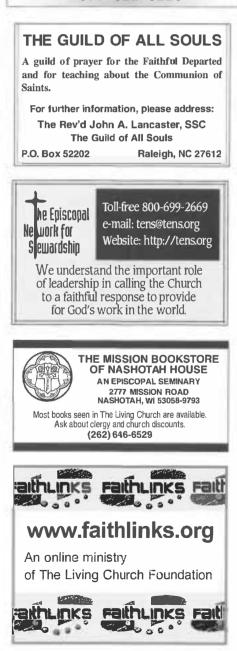
Sally Campbell Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y.



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#### PEOPLE & PLACES

#### **Appointments**

The Rev. Joseph Scott Baker is rector of St. Andrew's, 7 Faulkner St., Ayer, MA 01432

The Rev. **Anthony Dinoto** is vicar of St. Andrew's, 254 Broad St., Danielson, CT 06329

#### **Ordinations**

#### Deacons

Central Florida — Carolyn Kirk Biggs, assistant rector, Grace Church, 4110 S Ridgewood Ave., Port Orange, FL 32127; Scott Ronald Fleischer, James William Lively.

Fort Worth — Timothy Matkin, All Saints', 5001 Crestline Rd., Fort Worth, TX 76107.

Newark — Helen Othelia C. Harper, Laura Rice Matarazzo, Margaret Kathleen Otterburn, James Victor Petroccione, Ellen Margaret Sloan, Margaret Tuttle, Dean Alan Weber.

Northwestern Pennsylvania — Donald L. Baxter, Jr., St. Stephen's, 1070 Dutch Rd., Fairview, PA 16415; Matthew W. Ryan, Emmanuel, 136 E Fourth St., Emporium, PA 15834.

#### Priests

Central Florida — Karen Egerton. New York — Carol Murphy Hubbard. Western North Carolina — Arlene Lukas. Gary Miles Smith, assistant, St. Mary's, 337 Charlotte St., Asheville, NC 28801.

#### Resignations

The Rev. **Edward A. Baggett**, as rector of St. John's, Corsicana, TX.

The Rev. **Reid Hensarling**, as rector of Redeemer, Germantown, TN.

The Rev. Lee Lowery, as rector of Resurrection, Centerville, UT.

#### Retirements

The Rev. **Harold C. Johnson, Jr.**, as rector of St. Francis on the Hill, El Paso, TX; add. 527 Pike Ave., Canon City, CO 81212.

The Rev. **Charles Mason**, as rector of Grace, Muncie, IN.

#### Deaths

The Rev. Loren Harmon Bush, retired priest of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon, died Feb. 22. He was 83.

Born in Boise, ID, he was a graduate of the University of Oregon and Church Divinity School of the Pacific. He was ordained deacon in 1956 and priest in 1957, then he served a number of churches in the dioceses of Oregon and Eastern Oregon, most recently as priest-in-charge of Good Shepherd, Sandy. Fr. Bush was a chaplain to the Order of St. Luke and the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, and for a time he was a chaplain to the deaf ministry at All Saints', Portland. He is survived by his wife, Shirley, a son, a daughter, 10 grandchil dren, five-great-grandchildren and a brother.

**Next week...** Parish Administration Issue

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#### 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. AnglicanBk@aol.com.

#### CATACHUMENATE

Gifts of God catechumenate, by Patricia Swift. Eightweek course considers Old and New Testaments, Episcopal Church, sacraments, prayer book, parish and ministries, life as gifts. For confirmation and renewal in adult education and church groups. 56 pp. paper spiral bound, \$5.00. Phone: (954) 942-5887. Fax (954) 942-5763. Available in English, French, or Spanish.

#### **POSITIONS OFFERED**

FULL-TIME ORGANIST/DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: For the Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan, a parish of about 1,000 in Corvallis, Oregon, home of Oregon State University, a fine local symphony orchestra, and numerous cultural opportunities. Musical assets include a 37-rank Casavant organ, 1962/1969; Steinway and A.B. Chase grand pianos; Kawai upright piano; 3-octave Mallmark handbell set. Duties include playing the organ at most services; directing the adult choir; overseeing 3 children's choirs and bell choir; managing an on-site concert series; and other music outreach programs. Rector, staff and communicants are supportive of the music program. The right candidate will he knowledgeable in matters of liturgy and the Anglican tradition. Must have bachelor's degree or equivalent in music performance; five years experience leading choirs, preferably in a church; and excellent people skills. Prefer Masters in organ performance and choral directing. Competitive salary commensurate with experience, plus benefits. Send resume by June 14 to Music Director Search Committee, Church of the Good Samaritan, 333 NW 35th St., Corvallis, OR 97330. If possible, enclose recording of a church service in which you played and directed.

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:** Church of the Holy Comforter seeks a full time Director of Music with responsibility for the ministry of music beginning January 2003. Duties include: organist for all liturgies (generally Holy Eucharist, but also including Evensong, weddings and funerals, etc.) (The organ is 1964 Aeolian Skinner, 2 manuals, 25 ranks.); choirmaster of two adult choirs (actively recruiting lay volunteers and securing paid professional section leaders); supervisor of Director of Children's Choirs (two choirs); staff liaison with the Director of Community Life providing leadership for music in our atriums and pre-school; staff member working with a team of eleven lay professionals and clergy strengthening our faith community; and parishioner active in the life of the parish. DOM will receive dayto-day supervision from the senior associate rector under the overall direction of the rector. Compensation is commensurate with AGO standards. A written letter of agreement will be provided. Interested persons are to send a letter of application and resume to: Rector, Church of the Holy Comforter, 222 Kenilworth Avenue, Kenilworth, Illinois 60043. Interviews and audition to be arranged.

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#### **POSITIONS OFFERED**

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY: A large, friendly and vibrant suburban Atlanta parish seeks a full-time youth director to coordinate, expand, and run youth ministry program for grades 6-12. Position requires experience, high motivation, creativity and a love for youth. Ministry includes: Coordinating Journey to Adulthood program, working with a large church staff, and supporting families with children in middle and high school. Bachelor's degree and experience required. If you love working with a supportive staff and being creative then St. Peter and St Paul may be for you. Excellent salary and benefits. Send resume and references to: Youth Director Search Committee, The Rev. Sean Cavanaugh, The Episcopal Church of St. Peter & St. Paul, 1795 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta, Georgia 30062. E-mail: scavanaugh@peterandpaul.org Website: www.peterandpaul.org.

ASSISTANT RECTOR-St. John's of Lattingtown is searching for an energetic person to work closely with the rector, guide the educational activities of the parish, and welcome newcomers. Program-sized parish is growing with younger families. Small 2BR gatehouse available plus customary benefits with good starting salary. Located in beautiful area of Long Island, 30 miles from NYC. Reply to: The Rev. Paul Gilbert, Box 448, Locust Valley, NY 11560.

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ORGANIST/CHOIRMASTER: Adult choir and children's choir program. A congregation of 200 families. Zimmer Tracker Organ. If you'd like to be our part-time organist/choirmaster, please send your resume to our Search Committee at Christ Episcopal Church P.O. Box 4162, Martinsville, VA 24115.

**RECTOR:** Small, Bible-based renewal parish in NW New Jersey seeks as rector a priest with a healing vocation who is willing to be a partner in ministry to parishioners. Please send letter of interest and résumé with CDO profile to Search Committee, Christ Episcopal Church, 369 Sand Shore Road, Budd Lake, NJ 07828.

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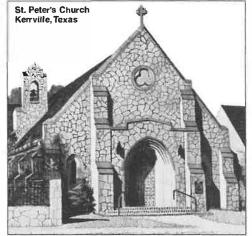
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