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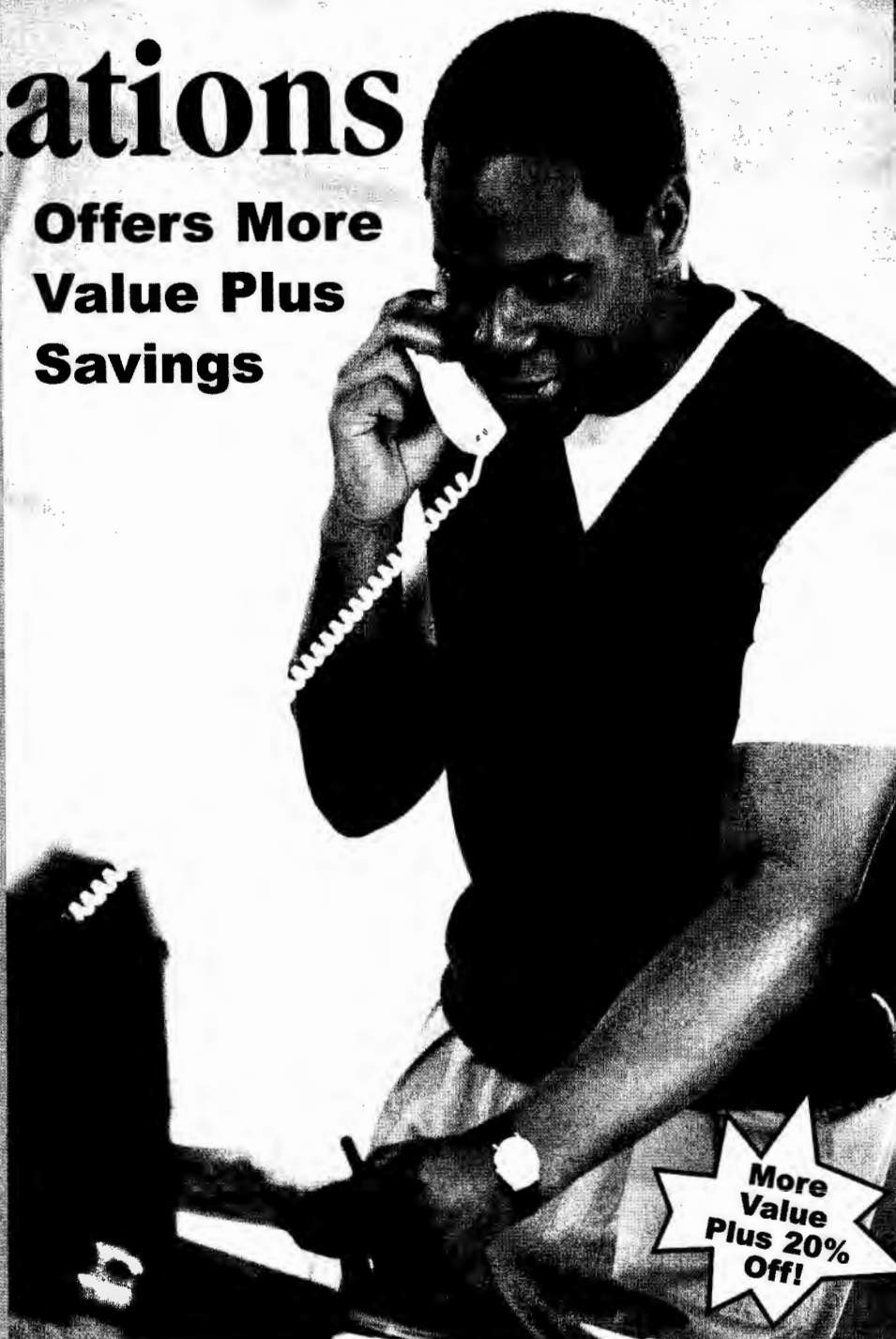
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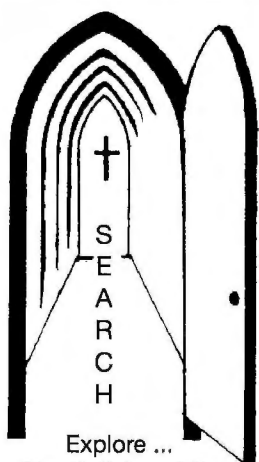
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**SUNDAY'S READINGS**

**A Hope of Eternity**

*'...he abides in you, and he will be in you'*

*(John 14:17)*

**Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 14, 2006**

**BCP:** Acts 8:26-40 or Deut. 4:32-40; Psalm 66:1-11 or 66:1-8; 1 John 3(14-17) 18-24 or Acts 8:26-40; John 14:15-21.

**RCL:** Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:24-30; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8.

The collect for this celebration opens with the phrase, "Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life." The wonder of resurrection awakens us to this hope of eternity, a hope in which we are confronted so powerfully with the sense of God's presence that we may speak of coming to know him truly. In this knowledge, we continue our prayer, asking that we may likewise "know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life." The risen Lord Jesus grants us who seek him knowledge that directs our path, enlightens our minds, and orders our existence. It is a knowledge that is less a matter of the mastery of information than it is a knowing of, a relationship of love with, another.

The passage from Acts read today gives the example of the Ethiopian eunuch who sought and obtained such knowledge. His consideration of scripture and his openness to inspired teaching led him to receive and accept "the good news of Jesus" that Philip proclaimed. By the witness of the prophetic word and the guidance of apostolic teaching, the eunuch came to know the risen Christ.

In the First Epistle of John, much is

written about what believers may know. The 19th verse of Chapter 3 affirms, "we shall know that we are of the truth." In Chapter 4, the inspired writer continues, "we know and believe the love God has for us." This knowing is relational, having an awareness of a divine presence. "We know that we abide in him and he in us" (1 John 4:13). By the abiding presence of the Lord, we come to know him personally, faithfully, and, as 1 John makes abundantly clear, lovingly.

The gospel readings for today emphasize this abiding and this love. The verses of Chapter 14 tell of the gift of "the Spirit of truth" who "dwells with you and will be in you." This gift of the counselor, Jesus says, is for the one "who loves me."

The passage from the 15th chapter is similar teaching in a more imagistic fashion, speaking of Jesus, "the true vine" of which we who love him are the branches. In love he invites us, "Abide in me, and I in you." By the Spirit's dwelling with us, in the abiding of Jesus in us, we rejoice to know Almighty God truly; and knowing God, we celebrate the eternal life won for us by the death and resurrection of Christ our Lord.

**Look It Up**

Read the passages of 1 John appointed in both lectionaries, considering what is meant when a believer speaks of knowing God.

**Think About It**

List biographical information about your spouse or closest friend. What is missing that would be necessary to truly know him or her as a person?

**Next Sunday**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 21, 2006**

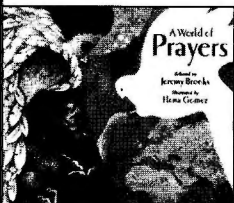
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**RCL:** Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17.

## BOOKS

### A World of Prayers

Selected by **Jeremy Brooks**; illustrated by **Elena Gomez**. Eerdmans. Unpaginated. \$16. ISBN 0-8028-5285-8.



Children's books are so beautiful. And those from Eerdmans seem especially so, as this lovely book of prayers from all over the world. Here on

two facing pages are a nighttime prayer from Japan:

*O make my heart so still, so still  
When I am deep in prayer  
That I might hear the white  
mist-wreaths*

*Losing themselves in air!*

And one from Africa:

*O thou great Chief,  
Light a candle within my heart  
That I may see what is therein  
And sweep the rubbish from thy  
dwelling place.*

The richly detailed painting is of two young boys asleep, their various quilts merging into each other. Elena Gomez' flowers and waves are marvelous. And the nighttime chicken (*As a hen covers her chicks...*) evokes the whole mystery of India.

Read it to your grands until they can pray it for themselves.

*Patricia Nakamura*

### The Best Christian Writing 2006

Edited by **John Wilson**. Jossey-Boss. Pp. 222. \$17.95. ISBN 0-7879-7475-7.

The books and culture editor of *Christianity Today* has compiled this anthology of the best of Christian contemporary writing, the fifth in a series. Essays are presented on subjects as diverse as repentance, being an unmarried believer, Islamic counter-reformation, a recent translation of a sermon by Augustine, Christ and biotechnology, Thanksgiving at a nursing home, religious scholarship, a monastery off the coast of Ireland, a visit to a Trappist monastery, wedding insanity, as well a heart-warming picture of the participants of an evangelical Christian Book Association

convention trying to learn how to write their own story. At another conference in the same essay, "Omit Unnecessary Words," participants are told not to write about themselves, but to go out into the world and look at other people.

If you are a fan of the movie *Groundhog Day*, you will be intrigued by Michael Foley's interpretation of

the spiritual sides of the movie. Frederica Mathewes-Green uses Mel Gibson's movie *The Passion of the Christ* as a jumping-off place for a discussion of "The Meaning of Christ's Suffering." The collection also begins with an essay by Mark Noll on what is good Christian writing.

*(The Rev.) Joanna Seibert  
Little Rock, Ark.*



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*The Rev. Whis Hays, Rock the World Youth Mission Alliance, Ambridge, PA*

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*The Rev. Dr. Jeremy Sheehy, Principal, St. Stephen's House, Oxford*

##### **Christianity and the Visual Arts**

*The Rev. Dr. Arnold Klukas, Assoc. Prof. of Liturgics  
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##### **Postwar Anglicanism: Anglican History and Theology, 1945-1960,**

*Dr. David Hein, Prof. of Religion and Philosophy  
and Chair of the Dept. of Religion and Philosophy,  
Hood College, Frederick, MD*

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## Bishops Give Notice on Property Ownership

Bishops have taken steps in advance of the 75th General Convention to clarify their ownership claim to parish property in the event of a split in the Episcopal Church. In March Executive Council authorized an expenditure of \$100,000 from short-term reserves for the House of Bishops' ad hoc task force on property disputes.

"It is the belief of the ad hoc task force that in the event parishes are successful in taking without just compensation the Episcopal Church's real and personal property, some dioceses and parishes will confront and experience severe financial situations which could result in jeopardizing of their financial existence, integrity and stability," council said in resolution AF-112, which was adopted March 8 in Philadelphia. "The ad hoc task force is also of the belief that some dioceses and parishes may not have the financial resources to support litigation to undertake appropriate legal actions to prevent a taking of their property."

Portions of two congregations in the Diocese of San Diego have left the

Episcopal Church within the past few months. The rector and a number of congregants of Christ the King, Alpine, chose to leave and start a new congregation, Blessed Trinity, in December. St. Anne's, Oceanside, decided in a majority vote in January to affiliate with the Anglican Province of the Southern Cone under the assumption that they would keep the property. Portions of both Episcopal congregations continue to worship regularly, Christ the King at its church in Alpine and St. Anne's at All Saints' Cemetery Chapel in Oceanside.

California courts generally do not defer to church canons, relying instead on neutral principles of law to adjudicate church property disputes. As a result of lower court rulings last year, three parishes in the Diocese of Los Angeles were permitted to retain their property after voting to leave the Episcopal Church. The decision is being appealed.

The Rt. Rev. James R. Mathes, Bishop of San Diego, issued a pastoral directive April 19 that requires all rec-

tors in his jurisdiction to submit by May 20 copies of parish articles of incorporation, parish by-laws, employment contracts, title to real property, balance sheets for the past two years, and evidence of appropriate surety bond as required by canons.

"If you and your congregation pursue an effort at secession, you will at that moment be in violation of your ordination vows," Bishop Mathes wrote. "By this pastoral direction, you will be, by that very act or by your participation, an inhibited priest and deprived of standing or canonical or legal authority to do the very action you purport to effect. In issuing this pastoral direction, it is my hope that the issue of attempted congregational secession can be conclusively addressed and that we can concentrate on what is our common work together."

### Public Statement

Earlier in the month the Diocese of North Carolina informed its clergy that it would be preparing "for signature and subsequent filing in all of the counties of the diocese in which there are diocesan parishes and/or missions, a 'Declaration of Interest.'" The intent, according to the letter, is to create a public statement of the ownership interest of the diocese and the General Convention in real and tangible property owned by or on behalf of diocesan parishes and missions.

"We believe that the interests of PECUSA and the Diocese of North Carolina in such real estate are not adequately reflected in all counties in which Episcopal property is located," said the Rt. Rev. Michael B. Curry, Bishop of North Carolina, in a letter dated April 4. "We believe that providing a public record notice of interest of PECUSA and the diocese in such real estate will be consistent with the applicable constitution and canons of PECUSA and our diocese and simplify future real estate transactions."



Diocese of Georgia photo

Captain Robert Utlaut (right) and another member of the 648th Engineer Battalion of the Georgia National Guard display a banner atop the ruins of Ur, the birthplace of Abraham and the capital of Samaria. In October, Capt. Utlaut asked the members of St. Paul's Church, Albany, Ga., where his mother Carole and sister Dana Du Vall are parishioners, for some copies of the prayer book, as there were none available at the base in Iraq where the brigade was stationed. The parish responded with 20 copies and the banner to be used at the site of worship services. The word "forward" denotes that the mission is in the combat zone.

## Difficult Week in Pennsylvania

The week after Easter was a difficult one for the Diocese of Pennsylvania, with staff reductions at Church House, a decision to close one of the oldest congregations, and another call by the standing committee for the Rt. Rev. Charles E. Bennison, Jr., to retire or resign as Bishop of Pennsylvania.

The latest call to resign came in response to the revelation that a draw-down of \$350,000 of unrestricted net assets took place prior to the March 25 special diocesan convention. The withdrawal was not reported to the special convention, which had been called after the 2005 convention failed to approve a budget.

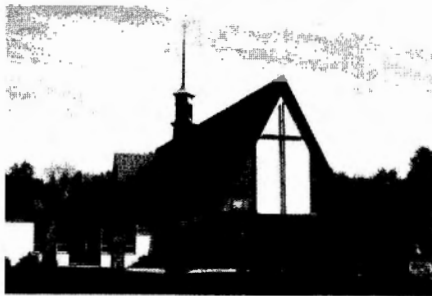
"We question why this action was not reported to the special convention," the standing committee's members wrote in an open letter released April 21. "We strongly disapprove of this drawdown. We will ask the help of the chancellor in establishing procedures to ensure that drawdowns will not happen again without proper consultation."

The committee's letter noted that the drawdown was reported at an April 19 diocesan council meeting, and "the funds would be restored if and when money became available.

"While we support this acknowledgment of the error, we believe this is an example of the lack of sound financial practice and oversight that has created the current financial crisis and could bring us to bankruptcy in the future," the committee wrote.

Bishop Bennison told *THE LIVING CHURCH* he had not changed his mind about resigning or retiring and maintained that the diocese was "thriving and full of vitality." It was normal diocesan practice, he explained, to even out cash flow through the year by drawing from reserve funds, and he was not even aware ahead of time that the fund had been tapped during the first week of March.

"If the standing committee wishes to revise that practice, we will comply," he said, "but there was nothing unusual in what was done. The decision was made



Newlin Keen photo

St. Martin's Church, Boothwyn, Pa., is scheduled for closing. Founded in 1702, the church relocated to an 11.5-acre campus in 1967.

with the knowledge and approval of the chair of the property and finance committee, our former chancellor and others."

The standing committee letter was released the day after the diocesan staff was downsized. Eliminated were staff positions for the director of communication, the communications manager, the assistant director of development for annual giving, and a position in the accounting office. The personnel reductions were finalized during the April 19 council meeting.

The week concluded with the April 22 announcement that St. Martin's Church, Boothwyn, will hold its final service June 4. Members of St. Martin's participated in the 1789 constitutional convention which created the Episcopal Church. The parish has been declining in membership and was without a rector for 17 years until the Rev. Lois Keen was called last year.

Bishop Bennison described the vestry decision to close as "sad, but probably prudent." He said the parish had tried to reorganize, but in hindsight probably lacked sufficient resources to accomplish the goals it had set for itself. While making some progress since calling a rector, average weekly attendance remained less than 40. Bishop Bennison said that Boothwyn is one of the fastest-growing communities in Pennsylvania for families with young children, and he hoped to plant a new congregation at the same location in the near future.

## Central New York Seeks Dismissal of Lawsuit

The Diocese of Central New York filed a motion on Good Friday in the Supreme Court of the State of New York for Tioga County, to dismiss a \$4.35 million lawsuit against Bishop Gladstone "Skip" Adams, the diocese and Gael Sopchak, the former controller. The Rev. David G. Bollinger, rector of St. Paul's Church, Owego, N.Y., alleges that Bishop Adams and others did not respond adequately to an allegation of sexual misconduct he brought against another priest of the diocese, and then violated various secular and ecclesiastical laws in an attempt to silence him after Fr. Bollinger persisted with the complaint.

Judge Jeffery A. Tate reserved a decision on the motion to dismiss. The diocese maintains the lawsuit is in violation of the First Amendment. David M. Gouldin, a lawyer representing Fr. Bollinger, responded that a 1979 U.S. Supreme Court decision permits court review of some religious disputes other than real estate. Judge Tate asked a number of questions about various allegations named in the suit, particularly an incident in which Ms. Sopchak allegedly accessed Fr. and Mrs. Bollinger's financial accounts without the couple's authorization.

On May 31, 2005, the diocese served Fr. Bollinger with a 90-day notice of inhibition [TLC, Oct. 9]. In issuing the order, Bishop Adams accused Fr. Bollinger of "possible violations of various state and federal statutes forbidding personal use of church funds," and suggested there "may be criminal wrongdoing by [Fr. Bollinger] and others," for defrauding the Internal Revenue Service by not reporting income defalcated from the rector's discretionary funds and a trust fund. The inhibition was renewed Sept. 29 following a hearing [TLC, Oct. 30]. Fr. Bollinger said he has been denied an appeal of the extension of the inhibition, something to which he said he is entitled according to the canons. The inhibition has been extended a third time.



# Dallas Church Thrives in New Building

Four years ago, the new church plant of St. Philip's in Frisco, Texas, was just a collaborative vision between Christ Church, Plano, and the Diocese of Dallas. The 10-acre tract of land on which its new church would be built was occupied primarily by fire ants and weeds. This year, at the principal Easter service, when the Rev. Clay Lein looked past more than 600 people in the completely full pews at the new Stonebrook Campus, the rector of St. Philip's saw folding chairs that were also full of people.

"It was overwhelming to look out on the new building and see it full to capacity," Fr. Lein said. "God is really doing some amazing stuff. We get an awful lot of people who wind up inviting their friends."

In 1996, Fr. Lein was called as an assistant at Christ Church, Plano, with the understanding that he would eventually plant his own congregation. That time came in 2002.

"One of the most successful church plant models is the mother-daughter one," Fr. Lein said. "Christ Church sent me. They also let me take as many people with me as wanted to come. We started with a critical mass right away."

The initial congregation of 150-200 began worshipping at Bright Elemen-



Members of St. Philip's Church, Frisco, Texas, file into the new building on Easter Day. The four-year-old congregation began worship in the new building April 2. Previously it had worshiped in a school cafeteria.

St. Philip's Church photos



Fr. Lein delivers the sermon.

tary School. As part of its commitment to planting new churches, the Diocese of Dallas purchased a 10-acre tract of land in Frisco for St. Philip's and made grant payments of \$100,000 the first year, \$66,000 in 2003 and \$33,000 in 2004. By the fall

of that year St. Philip's had achieved parish status and conducted a capital campaign during which 501 parish-

ioners pledged more than \$1.5 million toward the construction of what would become Stonebrook Campus. A mortgage made up the remainder of the \$4 million cost.

The following year, St. Philip's sponsored its first new church plant, St. Andrew's in McKinney. At press time Dallas Bishop James M. Stanton was scheduled to ordain the Rev. Terry Reisner priest at St. Philip's on April 29. Fr. Reisner will eventually leave St. Philip's to plant his own congregation.

The St. Philip's Stonebrook Campus contains 11,000 square feet of worship space and 12,000 square feet of education and administrative space, part of which will be used during the week for a pre-school. In a corner of the land is a retention pond that will be converted into a biblical garden. Plans include plants from the scriptures, a wine press, threshing floor, a watchtower made of stone, a walkway with benches, and a spot where children can grow wheat and grapes.

"It's not so we can be the coolest church in Frisco," Fr. Lein told the *Dallas Morning News* in a recent interview. "It's so we and our descendants and our descendants' descendants can be taught."

Steve Waring

## House of Deputies V.P. Candidate Announced

The Rev. Gay Clark Jennings, associate director of the CREDO Institute, Inc., has indicated that she will be a candidate in the election for vice president of the House of Deputies at General Convention.

She has served six consecutive terms as a deputy to General Convention, and was chair of the legislative committee on communications in 2003 and chair of

the legislative committee on canons in 2000. From 1989 to 2003, she was canon to the ordinary for the Diocese of Ohio. Mrs. Jennings has also served as a consultant, trainer and presenter to 13 dioceses, two seminaries and the Church Pension Group. The Rev. Brian Prior, rector of Church of the Resurrection, Spokane, Wash., also has announced that he is a candidate [TLC, April 30].



## Name Change Proposed

Delegates to convention in the Diocese of **Easton** approved the first reading of a change in name as well as some resolutions proposed on the Windsor Report and the Anglican Communion. Convention met March 3-4 at a hotel convention center in Ocean City, Md.

The city of Easton is not well known or easily located on a map by U.S. residents outside Maryland. The name also does not accurately represent a diocese whose geographic region encompasses more than one-third of the territory in the state, according to an explanation in the resolution which proposed that the name be changed to the Diocese of Eastern Maryland. The resolution passed overwhelmingly, but it must be approved by two successive conventions.

Clergy and lay delegates voted to continue to "walk together" with the Anglican Communion and "to give intentional and prayerful consideration of the Windsor Report."

Convention defeated a resolution based on recommendations in the Windsor Report calling for an expression of regret and for moratoriums to be enacted on the future election and consecration of bishops in same-gender relationships as well as a moratorium on same-sex liturgical blessings. Also defeated was a resolution affirming that councils of the church err from time to time and "every member of this Church is conscience-bound" to obey scripture "in any matter where a decision or action of this Church, the General Convention of the Episcopal Church, USA or any convention of the Diocese of Easton may depart from that teaching."

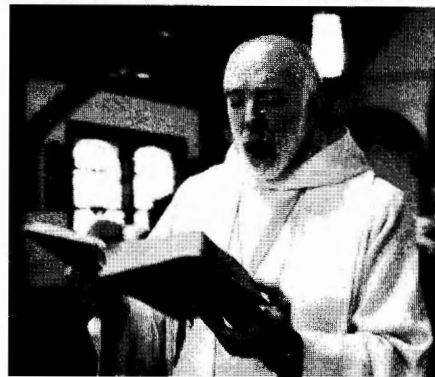
In his address, the Rt. Rev. James J. Shand, Bishop of Easton, said the issue of human sexuality is on the mind of many. "Those who stand at the extreme ends of the conservative or liberal sides must realize that somewhere in the middle are many others, others who recognize the tension yet also want a meeting of the hearts that will allow our Episcopal Church to be a place that offers a home," he said.



Sharon Kiley photo/Bangor Daily News photo. Used by permission.

Volunteer firefighters from six communities douse the flames consuming **St. Martin's Church, Palmyra, Maine**, April 19. The 167-year-old building, which was having a new roof installed, was destroyed by the wind-fanned blaze, firefighters saved many items: the altar, the organ, crucifixes, chalices, candlesticks, seven stained-glass windows, historical documents and collection plates. A previously scheduled April 23 service to celebrate the installation of the Rev. Levering Sherman, Jr. (**right**) as vicar was moved to St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church in Pittsfield. The congregation is worshipping in the parish hall while the church is rebuilt.

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## Back to Business

Recovery from Hurricane Katrina did not deter the Diocese of **Louisiana** from approving 19 resolutions during a one-day annual convention March 11 at Trinity Church, New Orleans, which experienced minimal damage from Hurricane Katrina.

Only one resolution was close enough to require a count of voice votes. That resolution authorized the bishop and standing committee to intervene within seven days if a parish or mission were no longer functioning. Convention adopted the resolution on a vote of 109 to 102.

That resolution and nine others approved by the convention amended the diocese's constitution and canons. Those changes ranged from defining a quorum to giving the executive board expanded authority between diocesan conventions.

Six resolutions mentioned Hurricanes Katrina or Rita and how they affected diocesan ministry. Even a res-

olution that reaffirmed the diocese's commitment to an "educational event about human sexuality" acknowledged how much the hurricanes had disrupted life in the diocese.

The Rt. Rev. Charles E. Jenkins III, Bishop of Louisiana, delivered a pointed address that challenged the convention's 330 delegates to make changes in diocesan policy.

"The system in which we live has promoted congregationalism at the expense of interdependence and common mission," he said. "Thus, I ask that today we do a frightening thing and change the systemic heritage that is ours."

The diocese approved a budget of \$1.6 million, which was \$178,190 higher than the 2005 budget. The increase includes a subsidy to the diocese's conference center, which has sustained decreased in-state business because of the hurricanes. The conference center also has announced its plans to acquire 90 acres and develop a youth campus.

"I would describe myself as persevering, maybe even tenacious. I have high expectations of myself and can call others to high expectations of themselves. I am generally confident and almost always optimistic."

The Rt. Rev. Stacy F. Sauls  
Bishop of Lexington since 2000  
Ordained priest, 1989  
Born in Atlanta, Ga., 1955



Visiting with a parishioner at St. John's Church, Versailles, Ky.



With children at Grace Church, Florence, Ky. Diocese of Lexington photos

## Adopted Child of God

— THE RT. REV. STACY F. SAULS —

By Aaron Orear

Asked to describe his life in the Episcopal Church the Rt. Rev. Stacy F. Sauls, Bishop of Lexington, tells a love story. Like all good love stories, it involves a share of pain. As a teenager he experienced what many American kids experience when his parents divorced. "It was, to this day, the lowest point in my life," says the bishop. "It broke my heart. In fact, I cried so much that it was years before I could bring myself to cry again."

It was in the midst of that lonely pain that Stacy Sauls experienced something else most teenagers experience; he fell in love. "I found a personal relationship with Jesus Christ," he says. "I became aware of God's presence in my life and care for me in a way I never had before, perhaps because I had never had to." For the bishop-to-be it was the beginning of a lifelong relationship. As he puts it, "I was falling in love with God."

That love was enriched when Bishop Sauls and his wife, Ginger, adopted their first child. When he heard the news that their application had been approved and that, as Ginger tearfully told him, "You have a son," the long pain of his parents' divorce was finally reconciled. "Tears that had been locked up for a long time flooded out, only now tears of deep joy replaced the tears of sadness," recounts Bishop Sauls. "And through the gift of that child, my older son, Andrew, my life was put

back together in a way that I did not even know it needed to be."

The experience drew him closer still to Christ and afforded him a new perspective on life as an adopted child of God. "I live my life in Christ now much more from that perspective," says Bishop Sauls, "much less anxiously about getting things just right and much more joyously in trying to respond to overflowing grace and love."

It is that grace and love that is central to Bishop Sauls' self-understanding and his concept of ministry. It's a love affair that he takes seriously and that informs every other relationship he enters. "I do not give up on relationships, virtually ever," he says. "That has been true in my ministry and in my life. The reason is that I have repeatedly found that working on seemingly difficult relationships never fails to draw me closer to Christ. It is, for me, a spiritual concern, a matter of wrestling with God and who God chooses as my companions, and an incentive for deep prayer."

And how has wrestling with the sometimes tortured relationships of the Church affected Bishop Stacy Sauls' love affair? "I probably see the Church more realistically than I once did, but with no less devotion," he says. "Happily, it is a love that has grown, deepened, and matured over the years and still does." □

*Aaron Orear is a student in the Divinity School of Trinity College, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.*

For expanded comments from Bishop Sauls and the other Presiding Bishop nominees, go to [www.livingchurch.org](http://www.livingchurch.org)

# Insight from the Blue Book

If you want to find out what's happening in the Episcopal Church, the fastest way (aside from reading this magazine, of course) is to obtain a copy of *Report to the General Convention*, commonly known as the Blue Book. This triennial publication includes reports of commissions, committees, agencies and boards, early resolutions proposed for General Convention, and a variety of other material. I have finished reading the Blue Book (OK, I didn't read every line of every report), and found it enlightening. Here are some of the things I learned:

- We may not have seen the last of Dean George Werner yet. He may be retiring as president of the House of Deputies [TLC, April 30], but he's been nominated for trustee of the Church Pension Fund.

- The current Title IV canons that deal with discipline would be replaced in their entirety by a revised version if a resolution proposed by the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons is adopted.

- The 76th General Convention (2009) is likely to be in Anaheim, Calif., the site of the 1984 convention. For the 77th convention, the choice will be among Charlotte, New Orleans, Indianapolis or Kansas City.

- The House of Bishops' Committee on Pastoral Development has a mission statement which states that the committee is charged with building "shalom" in the Episcopal Church.

- A recent survey indicates that 31 percent of our churches have grown at least 10 percent during the past five years.

- A resolution proposed by the Standing Commission on Anglican International Peace with Justice Concerns would end all portions of this country's economic embargo on Cuba.

- Another resolution, this one proposed by the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, would have convention authorize for trial use during the next triennium "A Common for Space Exploration."

- After one year of existence, the Church of Santa Maria, a Hispanic congregation in

northern Virginia, has an average Sunday attendance of more than 300.

- Proposed resolutions would change the status of clergy who "retire" to "resign."

- Another piece of legislation would reduce the number of meeting days at General Convention from 10 to eight.

- According to the report of the Church Pension Fund (CPF), as of Dec. 31, 2005, CPF's assets available for benefits stood at \$7.6 billion.

- The Diocese of Massachusetts has published a booklet titled "A Shy Person's Guide to Evangelism."

- According to CPF statistics, 85 percent of Episcopal priests are over age 55.

- The Commission on the State of the Church's report says the "Global North and South are becoming more polarized while a new Global Central perspective is emerging."

- A proposed resolution would restrict future General Conventions to meeting during the period July 1 through Aug. 15.

- A resolution submitted by the Standing Commission on National Concerns would oppose any state or federal constitutional amendment that prohibits same-sex civil marriage or civil unions.

- According to the report of the Jubilee Advisory Committee, there are 650 Jubilee Ministry Centers in 13 countries.

- The Revised Common Lectionary, in trial use for the past six years, would replace the Prayer Book Lectionary if legislation is adopted.

- The report of the General Convention Task Force lists among the following recommendations for worship at convention: The daily Eucharist should last one hour; the homily or teaching should be 5-8 minutes; youth should be included in the leadership of every worship service.

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*David Kalvelage, executive editor*



## *Did You Know...*

**When the Very Rev. Michael Burrows is consecrated Bishop of Cashel and Ossory in the Church of Ireland, there will be two sets of brothers-in-law in the 12-member Irish House of Bishops.**

## *Quote of the Week*

**Episcopalian and newspaper columnist Ray Waddle, writing on the Resurrection in *The Tennessean* of Nashville: "It took a miracle, the Resurrection, to start the Christian Church. It will take another to save the Episcopal Church from shattering."**



## He Deserves Better

When he was the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev. George Carey occasionally provoked church members around the Anglican Communion when he issued statements that seemed less than forceful. Now, in his retirement, the former Primate seems unable to avoid controversy. The latest episode involves a letter signed by more than 100 people, most of them from Australia, that chastises the archbishop for recent actions they called “discourteous.” The letter cites a visit to the United States “to conduct a confirmation for 300 candidates unable to accept the authority of their own bishops,” and his role in a survey of American bishops. It also describes Archbishop Carey’s actions in retirement as discourteous to the present Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev. Rowan Williams, and calls the retired archbishop to “desist from further intrusions into areas now beyond your control.” The letter was published on Easter Day by the *Sunday Times* of London.

In response, Archbishop Carey issued a statement in which he characterized the charges in the letter as “baseless and ill-informed.” He pointed out that he had been asked by the Bishop of Virginia to confirm candidates in that diocese on three occasions. He also said he is “fully supportive” of the current Archbishop of Canterbury and pointed out that he has no role in the Anglican Communion except that of priest and bishop.

At a time when Anglicans are in danger of being torn asunder, it is not helpful to have one of the Church’s leading figures reduced to exchanging “open” letters with a group of dissatisfied church members. It is, as the archbishop pointed out, “mischievous” and “damaging to the Anglican Communion.” It is also unfortunate that the archbishop felt compelled to respond to a group that didn’t have its facts straight. Archbishop Carey has devoted much of his ministry to reconciliation and is spending the early part of his retirement assisting in an American parish church. He has earned the peace that generally accompanies retirement.

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## Let Retired Bishops Vote

At the last General Convention, legislation was adopted that amended the constitution of the Episcopal Church to reflect that retired bishops no longer had a vote at meetings of the House of Bishops. Because the legislation was a constitutional amendment, it is necessary for two successive General Conventions to adopt the resolution. The amendment states that all active bishops — diocesans, coadjutors, suffragans and assistants — and every bishop holding an office created by General Convention shall have a voice in the House of Bishops. In other words, bishops who have retired will no longer be able to vote, no matter what the issue might be.

While some retired bishops have been particularly active in challenging church polity in recent years, for the most part, retired bishops are not active in meetings of the House of Bishops. For one thing, they have to pay their own way to attend meetings. In addition, many bishops in retirement are happy to stay out of issues of church governance in which they’ve been involved, and would rather stay home.

At a time when many bishops are retiring at a younger age, it seems as though retired bishops have plenty to offer the Episcopal Church. Their wisdom and experience might be just what the Church needs — especially at this time. We hope General Convention restores to retired bishops the right to vote. They deserve to be heard.

By Jonathan B. Coffey



The feast of the Resurrection is a monumental reaffirmation of the covenant of life.

# THE COST of Togetherness

*How long can we as an international family do without the clarity, the support and the accountability that can come only through covenant?*

I was late in coming to Hebrew. Like most students in the Episcopal tradition, I had an inoculation of biblical languages in seminary, a course that taught me how to identify the alphabet and how to do “word studies.” But in my late 40s and after years in ordained ministry, I was led to undertake the study of Hebrew in order to establish more direct access to the sacred scriptures.

Some while afterward I was preparing a homily for a wedding and pondering a passage regarding “covenant.” I had known for some time that the verb most often used in Hebrew for the “making” of a covenant is *carat* (pronounced kaah-ráat) which is translated as “cut.” But for some reason it now struck me that this was strange. *Berit*, the Hebrew word for covenant, clearly referred to the establishment of relationship. Why then would the Bible use a verb meaning “to cut” to describe something that was intended to bring parties together?

I called my nearby rabbi friend and asked. He said to me, “It is the cut that binds.” I have never forgotten those words. They came to me as a revelation (which, of course, holy scripture is). In order to bind parties together, there is a price to be paid, an offering of life to be made. There is no such thing as cost-free covenant.

It is a gift of the reformed tradition, which is part of our heritage as Anglicans, to see the Christian life largely through the lens of covenant. The church is the “covenant community,” Christ is the high priest of a new covenant, and God is the initiator of the covenant of life with the universe and with people. The most fundamental covenant then would be life itself. In deciding to create life, God made a covenant with all that is, and paid the price of “constriction” (the Kabala speaks of this as *zimsum*), making room for all creatures great and small, in order that God’s plenitude might not prevent, but rather now midwife, the great gift of life as we know it.

Following on this covenant, the feast of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ (Easter) is a monumental reaffirmation of the covenant of life. The costly decision of God the Father to raise Jesus from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit is the final step in a long journey of reclamation. When life was compromised in the garden, exploited and debased in the neighborhood east of Eden, and finally taken and tortured and extinguished on Calvary, the God of Israel was neither sovereign potentate, impartially observing, nor impotent “life partner,” unwilling or unable to intervene.

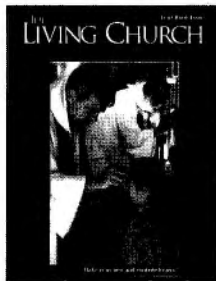
Yahweh, like a passionate spouse, had been actively engaged from the first garden-walk when Eve and Adam hid, through the beckoning of Miriam and Moses, to the fiery challenges of Micah and his kin. Now this God is revealed to be a Father who has given a Son in the search for reclamation. This is a grieving Father, a loving God who has reached into the deepest intimacy

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of the divine family in order to find a way to re-establish the covenant of life. The expensive, costly choice to give the Son is now succeeded by the unimaginable step of reaching into the abyss, from which life has never come, and bringing forth from it a newly reconstituted life, a body resplendent with the very wounds of its own extinction, the glory of the rising Son. The *carat* of Calvary creates the *berit* of the risen life now celebrated as the inheritance of the baptismal body of the Son. The cost of the covenant of holy baptism is none other than the anguish of a grieving Father. The hope

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of the resurrection is none other than the redemption of the covenant of life in and through the resplendent body of the resurrected Lord.

Having said that, the Great Fifty Days of Eastertide might be an agreeable time for us in the American Church to consider the call to covenant found in the Windsor Report. The season of Easter is leading up to the time, just after Pentecost, when we will gather in Columbus, Ohio. Whatever else we do in General Convention, it is imperative that we respond as a national family to the voice from the deep center of our global family that addresses us in the Windsor Report. We have, of course, already responded in part. The House of Bishops has expressed sorrow and regret for the pain caused some of our global sisters and brothers by actions we have taken.

However, now we meet as a national church. It is the genius of the American Episcopal Church that from its inception it has been a radically democratic polity within the Anglican Communion. So, while the bishops can and do speak, it is only through convention that we speak as a Church. So, what we say and do in Columbus will be important, not only to and for us, but to and for our global Anglican Communion. I believe that, just as profound revelations can and do occur in the final phase of any "good-bye" (be it a departure, a moving away, a divorce or a death), even so the first addendum at the end of the report contains one of its most profound challenges. This is a challenge not only to the church in the U.S., nor only to the church in Canada, but to all the provinces of the worldwide Anglican Communion. It is the challenge and the opportunity of covenant.

Is it possible for us as a global Communion to begin the costly, expensive process of cutting a covenant? Is it possible that the family feud in which we find ourselves is a sign that we are evolving as a global household into a measure of complexity that will require the bracing yet at the same time supportive gift of covenant? How long can we as an international family do without the clarity, the support and the accountability that can come only through covenant?

I believe that the most profound revelation of God's grace and mercy is that we have somehow made it thus far without a clear covenant. In the land east of Eden, the Bible teaches that it is essential (not elective) that life is lived within the parameters of covenant in order that there may be even the hope of integrity. Are we able, are we willing, are we ready to pay the price?

It is the cut that binds.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



# His Own Conclusions

In his article, "Called Into Fellowship" [TLC, April 30] Christopher Wells, a member of the Special Commission on the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion, offered his own well-informed perspective on our report, "One Baptism, One Hope in God's Call."

In the course of his article, Mr. Wells used the first-person plural pronoun "we" to characterize his own conclusions as to the implications of our work. A more accurate usage would have been the first-person singular "I." As a consequence of his choice of usage, a reader could easily be led to reach the inaccurate conclusion that Mr. Wells' interpretation of our work is in fact a perspective shared by the commission itself. It is not. The commission agreed unanimously on the report, and that alone.

The commission was not asked to develop, nor did it ever consider developing, an interpretation of our work. That, in our judgment, would have been well beyond our charge. The hard interpretive work yet to be done is the task of our primary audience, the deputies to General Convention. Doubtless each member of the commission has her or his own assessment of the implications of the report. However, the Special Commission, as such, does not.

We hope this clarification is helpful.

*(The Rt. Rev.) Mark S. Sisk*

*(The Rev.) Ian Douglas*

*Co-chairs of the Special Commission*

## A Contradiction

The Rev. Charles R. Daugherty [TLC, April 30] contradicts himself when he claims that unity of doctrine was impossible for Anglicanism from the start, but then asserts that "this is what we do as Anglicans" — i.e. "agree to disagree." He evidently takes

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it that agreeing to disagree is indeed the singular doctrine of all Anglicans everywhere and he expects them to know about it. Moreover, he charges, in his terms "the black bishops" as having violated this doctrine and that they "mortally wounded our church."

At last! The smoking gun! We've found the culprits: the "black bishops."

In the first place, the good reverend certainly ought to be called to explain himself for that particular appellation. Are we to understand that this thinly veiled justification of the gay agenda could have been written by someone

who on the other hand harbors doubts about racial equality?

Is it Episcopalian chic to contradict oneself? Apparently, Fr. Daugherty does not agree with the disagreements of others.

*(The Rev.) David R. Wagner  
St. John's Church  
Kewanee, Ill.*

## Changes Needed

Don't sing the gospel if you want your church to grow, if you want to attract the unchurched, and the newly interested in attending church. Therefore, I must disagree with David Justin Lynch's rather nice article [TLC, April 23].

Priests chanting, readings sung, and even wonderful incense billowing shock newcomers and seekers. In an era where Episcopalians need to increase membership and thereby income, our churches must become welcoming and easy places to worship where people feel at home. Prospective members are bewildered and put off by many of our beloved Anglican ways.

No one loves incense, vestments and glorious music in worship more than I. But we need to streamline and make welcoming our liturgies to Hispanic and lapsed Roman Catholics used to Low Mass and guitars; African Americans used to the informality and emotional music of their childhood churches; protestants who come from simple preaching-centered backgrounds; and the unchurched yearning for a spiritual life.

Luther had people coming to church by custom if not by law. That is not the case for Episcopalians today.

We traditional insiders must make some changes in our patterns of worship if we are minister to and attract the people of our communities.

*(The Rev.) Robert Warren Cromey  
San Francisco, Calif.*

## Joy During Easter

Some say the Easter joy is too quickly gone from our observance of Eastertide, that the tone of Lent stays with us from "Low Sunday" forward.

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## PEOPLE & PLACES

Could this possibly be appropriate? I mean "canonically" appropriate? Could we, here in the "Global North-East," be too insistent of a sustained joy because of our long, hard winters?

Look at the witness of the gospels. When all four are harmonized, we have a picture of: astonishment, fear, doubt, trembling, return to previous vocation (fishing), as well as "belief with joy." In short, the empty tomb by itself settled very little. In fact, the empty tomb unsettled the settled despair of the bereft disciples. Even the select appearances of the risen Lord were not all obvious to all the disciples.

Eastertide, canonically, is a season of re-tooling, re-assuring, and re-directing the disciples. In our church we read the Old Testament lessons and don't include the post-Pentecost readings from Acts. It was not until Pentecost, or nearer to Pentecost, that the apostles et al had sustained joy and confidence in mission.

Maybe our rush to insist upon an instant and sustained Easter joy is an addictive impulse, a "give-me-a-rush!" sort of fix? Joy that does not arise from life in Christ's mission might only be "happiness." So I ask this question: Are we called to be an Easter church, found going in circles of re-directs and assurance, or ... are we called to be a pentecostal church lost in proclaiming the good news and being his witnesses throughout the world? Joy in life comes from growing up and moving on ... into mission.

*(The Rev.) Mark E. Given  
Christ Church  
Middle Haddam, Conn.*

### It's the Nave

The caption to the photograph on Page 19 of the March 19 issue states that people are working on the floor of the sanctuary of Trinity Church, Columbus, Ohio.

In point of fact, they are working on the floor of the nave. The sanctuary is also visible in the photo, behind the man sitting on the steps looking up at it.

*Laura Rico  
Los Banos, Calif.*

### Appointments

The Rev. **Maureen Kemeza** is priest-in-charge of Emmanuel, 15 Newbury St., Boston, MA 02116-3185.

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The Rev. **Marilyn Sanders** is rector of St. Paul's, 21 Hackett Blvd., Albany, NY 12208.

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### Ordinations

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#### Deacons

**Louisiana** — **Francis King.**

**Massachusetts** — **John Finley.**

### Change of Address

The Rt. Rev. **Keith L. Ackerman**, Diocese of Quincy, 601 W Florence Ave., Peoria, IL 61604.

### Resignations

**The Rev. Edward S. Gleason**, as rector of St. Paul's, Trappe, MD.

**The Rev. Stan Runnels**, as rector of St. John's, Laurel, MS.

### Retirements

The Rev. **Doug Eberly**, as rector of Epiphany, Ventnor, NJ.

The Rev. **Marilyn Schneider**, as priest-in-charge of St. Martin's, Aurora, CO.

**Michael G. Thomas**, as director of client services for the Church Pension Group, New York, NY.

### Deaths

The Rev. Canon **Frederick F. Valentine, Jr.**, 85, of Elkins, WV, died March 16 following a stroke several weeks earlier.

Canon Valentine was a native of Philadelphia and a graduate of Virginia Theological Seminary. He was ordained to the diaconate in 1945 and to the priesthood the following year. He was vicar of St. Alban's Church, Newtown Square, and St. Peter's, Broomall, PA, 1945-46; priest-in-charge of St. John's, Ripley, and Grace, Ravenswood, WV, 1946-50; rector of Grace, Elkins, WV, 1950-58; rector of St. Christopher's, Spartanburg, SC, 1967-69; and rector of St. Paul's, Cary, NC, 1969-74. Canon Valentine is survived by his wife, Pat.

**Sr. Madeleine**, C.S.M., a member of the Southern Province of the Community of St. Mary, died March 7 in Sewanee, TN, in the 26th year of her profession. She was 90.

Prior to joining the Community of St. Mary, Sr. Madeleine raised four children. She lived and worked in Boston, Puerto Rico, South America, California, and Florida before spending a year in the Ecumenical Community of Grandchamps in Switzerland. She was known as a gourmet cook and served her community as a nurse and bookkeeper.

The Rev. **Larry L. Motz**, 62, priest of the Diocese of Ohio, died April 9 in Akron, OH.

A native of Akron, Fr. Motz was educated at Otterbein College, Kent State University, and Seabury-Western Theological Seminary. He taught high school English in Green, OH, for 26 years, then became director of parish ministries at St. Paul's Church, Akron, serving from 1992 to 1999. He went on to seminary where he served as student representative to the board of trustees and founded Caritas, a program of pastoral care. He was ordained deacon in 2002 and priest in 2003. Fr. Lotz was assistant at St. John's, Youngstown, 2002-3 and rector of St. James', Zanesville, where he served until his death. He is survived by his brother, Ronald.

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**PART-TIME ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR:** *St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Daytona Beach, Florida*, is seeking a part-time Organist/Choir Director. Experience with traditional Episcopal/Anglican liturgies is desired. Moeller 2-manual pipe organ. Salary is negotiable/commensurate with experience. Send letter of interest and resume to **Music Search Committee, St. Mary's Episcopal Church**, 216 Orange Ave., Daytona Beach, FL, 32114. Phone: (386)255-3669 E-mail: [staff@stmarysDB.org](mailto:staff@stmarysDB.org).

**PART-TIME CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP LEADER:** *Holy Spirit, Houston, TX* is looking for an accomplished musician with a deep love for all of the music of the Episcopal Church, but a real passion for contemporary/popular Christian music to lead a vibrant and growing ministry within our congregation. The person we are praying to meet will be a strong vocalist who ideally also plays guitar or keyboards. This person must be able to gather and learn new music, prepare the music for the band, rehearse them and be responsible for creating a spiritually enriching musical worship experience. This person will work with the clergy in making liturgical choices, but will not be responsible for planning the actual liturgy. This is a part-time position, requiring approximately 10 hours per week in preparation, rehearsal, staff meeting and one worship service. Interested candidates should send a resume to **Holy Spirit Episcopal Church, Attention Fr. John Bedingfield**, 12535 Perthshire Road, Houston, TX 77024. E-mail: [assistant@hsechurch.org](mailto:assistant@hsechurch.org).

## POSITIONS OFFERED

**FULL-TIME RECTOR:** *Holy Trinity by the Lake, Rockwall, TX*, aligned with the Episcopal Church of the United States, is a 300-communicant church located in a charming, growing bedroom community in the Diocese of Dallas. Interested candidates can download our complete profile at [www.holytrinitybythelake.org](http://www.holytrinitybythelake.org). If you feel God is calling you to this wonderful parish, send resume and CDO to: **Sheila Clark**, P.O. Box 188, Rockwall, TX 75087 or E-mail: [sheclark@sbglobal.net](mailto:sheclark@sbglobal.net).

## POSITIONS OFFERED

**PART-TIME (Bi-Vocational) RECTOR:** *St. Paul's, Brookings, South Dakota*. St. Paul's is a pastoral-sized congregation in a stable yet dynamic university community. St. Paul's offers strong lay ministry, a Eucharistic-centered community, and committed adult education. Children and youth ministry are being redeveloped. Goals are: an emphasis on evangelism and stewardship, lay ministry development, spiritual and liturgical formation, and pastoral care. Because there are ample opportunities for employment at South Dakota State University (<http://www3.sdstate.edu>) the congregation hopes to attract a priest who not only will serve the parish, but also become part of the larger university community. For information on the parish, go to <http://swiftel.net/city/>. For information on the position, contact **The Rev. Canon Karen Hall** at (605)338-9751 or [canonkaren.diocese@midconetwork.com](mailto:canonkaren.diocese@midconetwork.com).

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**CATHEDRAL DEAN:** *Trinity Cathedral, Davenport, Iowa*, has decided to extend its search for a new Dean, someone who has at least 10 years of solid, successful experience as a rector and has at least a decade of service ahead. Trinity Cathedral, established in 1867 near downtown Davenport, is the historic cathedral of the Diocese of Iowa. Trinity is the home parish of more than 650 communicants and is located in the Quad Cities, a bi-state metropolitan area of 375,000 people straddling the Mississippi River. We are a Eucharistic-centered parish. Our liturgy reflects traditional Anglican practices and theology, and our music program underscores the beauty, majesty and joy of this ancient liturgy.

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**PART-TIME CHAPLAIN:** McNeese State University, Lake Charles, LA. Episcopal campus ministry. Searching for a priest or lay person interested in student ministry. Good interpersonal communication, leadership, and teaching skills necessary. Send resume to: **Episcopal Canterbury Ministries**, 4107 Bayou Rd., Lake Charles, LA, 70605. E-mail: [average\\_bear2@msn.com](mailto:average_bear2@msn.com). Must receive by June 15, 2006.

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**FULL-TIME RECTOR:** *St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Buffalo, Wyoming*, a historic church in the shadows of the Big Horn Mountains, seeks an energetic, spiritual leader to teach, preach, empower and grow our church. We are a laity committed to community and world ministries including the Bread of Life Food Pantry. Buffalo has a growing population attracted by environment, recreation and energy development. It boasts an excellent hospital, YMCA, school and library. We seek someone who responds to the needs of seniors as well as younger members. If you are willing to adapt to a small Western community, please send resume and CPO clergy profile to: **The Rev. Canon Gus Salbador, Diocese of Wyoming**, 104 S. 4th Street, Laramie, WY 82070, (307) 742-6606 or E-mail:

**FULL-TIME RECTOR:** *Trinity Episcopal Church, Red Bank, New Jersey*. Trinity Church is located in fashionable Red Bank, on the New Jersey Shore. Well established congregation, from youth to seniors. Strong music ministry at all levels. Active Sunday school, Youth programs and social Calendar. Modern rectory within 2 miles of the church. "Blue ribbon" school district. Welcoming candidates with gospel-based preaching skills, personal warmth, and vitality for growth and community involvement. A desire to deepen faith, expand laity leadership and the projecting of conservative Christian values. Please send resume to: [csmith@trinityredbank.org](mailto:csmith@trinityredbank.org). Visit our profile at [www.trinityredbank.org](http://www.trinityredbank.org). Applications by June 15 please.

**FULL-TIME VICAR:** *St. Paul's Church, Payson, AZ*. Located in the beautiful Rim Country of Arizona, this vibrant, growth-focused congregation is looking for an entrepreneurial shepherd to lead them into the next phase of their journey. Their strategic planning committee has completed a plan consistent with their mission statement "to give life to the teachings of Jesus Christ through our own spiritual development, and by example, foster and nurture spiritual growth in others." The plan includes expansion of programs, space and a full-time vicar. A beautiful two-bedroom vicarage is included in the package, with a \$36,000 stipend, and benefits. Please send resume and CDO to: **The Rev. Canon C. K. Robertson, Canon of the Ordinary**, 114 W. Roosevelt St., Phoenix, AZ 85003 or E-mail to [chuck@azdiocese.org](mailto:chuck@azdiocese.org).

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:** *The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Corpus Christi, TX*. A position is available for a full-time Director of Music and organist for a thriving 1,500-member downtown church, overlooking beautiful Corpus Christi Bay. Our campus includes St. James' Episcopal School, a national Blue Ribbon School of Excellence (pre-school - 8th grade).

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