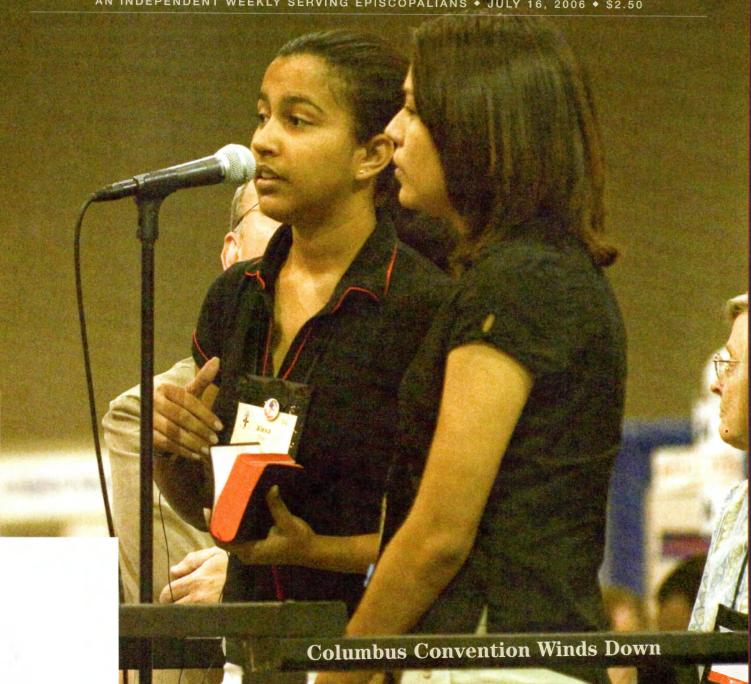
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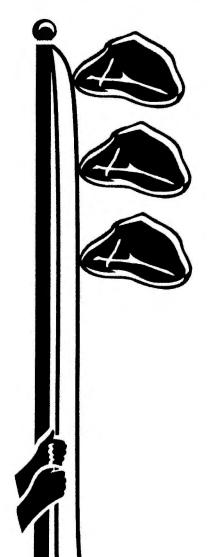
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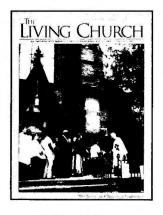
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# **Convention Finally Settles on Windsor Resolution**

Resolutions addressing The Episcopal Church's response to the Windsor Report drew the greatest interest at hearings early in the 75th General Convention, and were the subject of worldwide attention and lengthy parliamentary wrangling even on the final day of the triennial gathering in Columbus, Ohio.

Following a June 14 hearing that drew a capacity crowd [TLC, July 9], the Special Committee on the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion moved two Windsor Report-related resolutions out of committee June 18 for consideration by the House of Deputies. While the House of Bishops was electing the next Presiding Bishop, deputies were beginning debate on Resolution A160: Expression of Regret, and A163: Pastoral Care and Delegated Episcopal Pastoral Oversight.

The Rt. Rev. Dorsey F. Henderson, Jr., Bishop of Upper South Carolina and co-chair of the Special Committee, praised the spirit of prayerful humility and cooperation among the committee. He said delays were due not to infighting, but rather to a desire to craft resolutions that would be acceptable to the overwhelming majority of those in both The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion.

The primary change from the original language of Resolution A163, which addressed delegated episcopal pastoral oversight (DEPO), was in the final resolve: "that the 75th General Convention urge continued maintenance of historic diocesan boundaries, the authority of the diocesan bishop, and respect for the historical relationships of the separate and autonomous Provinces of the Anglican Communion."

Resolution A160, which called for an expression of regret, was significantly modified from the original language contained in "One Baptism, One Hope in God's Call," the report of the precursor group to the Special Committee. The revised language retained "regret" instead of the "repentance" called for in the Windsor Report, but quoted the report, noting the Episcopal Church is "mindful of 'the repentance, forgiveness, and reconciliation enjoined on us by Christ'."

The next day, deputies debated the language drafted by the Special Committee, then debated an amendment. Sidebar conferences and consultation of parliamentary procedure stretched the length of time given to the resolution to more than two hours.

"The Anglican Communion is strained, I will readily admit, but if it is broken, why would five primates be our honored guests?", the Rev. Gay C. Jennings of Ohio asked in proposing that regret for "breaching the proper constraints of" be replaced by "straining" the bonds of affection in the events surrounding the General Con-

vention of 2003 and the consequences which followed.

The amendment was approved 530 yes to 305 no, and after further debate that version of Resolution A160 was approved 563 yes to 267 no, and sent to the House of Bishops for concurrence.

#### Consecration of Bishops

The Rev. Ian Douglas of Massachusetts said Resolution A161, concerning the recommendation in the Windsor Report to refrain from nominating, electing or consecrating anyone as bishop whose manner of life would cause offense for others in the Anglican Communion, was "not perfect in any way," but it would keep the Episcopal Church at the table in the Anglican Communion. "That is key at this time, especially for the leadership of our new Presiding Bishop," he said.

D. Rebecca Snow of Alaska, a member of the Special Committee, commended the original language despite the fact that it contained "many things" she found difficult to accept. "No matter the language, it seems that gays and lesbians are being singled out."

More than 40 deputies were still waiting to speak when the time allotted for debate on the original language had expired. The Very Rev. George Werner, president of the House of Deputies, permitted some



Members of the House of Bishops conduct business in small groups during General Convention in Columbus, Ohio.

10 additional deputies to offer procedural motions and questions, some of which sought a means of continuing discussion later in the day.

A question on the canonical legality of the resolution was taken under advisement by Dean Werner shortly before deputies were adjourned. The Rev. Canon Elizabeth Kaeton of Newark asked for a ruling on whether Resolution A161 was out of order by placing additional restrictions on access to ordination than those stipulated in Canon 3. The following day Dean Werner denied the procedural challenge, but his decision was itself challenged from the floor. Deputies eventually ruled that the language of the original resolution was a recommendation, not a mandate, and therefore not in conflict with the canons.

Procedural questions and challenges predominated when the house resumed debate June 20. The Very Rev. Christopher T. Cantrell of Fort Worth proposed substitute language for the original resolution. "My intent is to put before this house the language of the Windsor Report and that we give a clear answer yea or nay," he said.

When the house resumed after lunch, Dean Werner issued a ruling from the chair that deputy Cantrell's substitute resolution was out of order and he called for a vote by orders on the original motion. Deputy Kendall Harmon of South Carolina challenged that ruling and deputies began discussing again how to deal with the procedural challenges.

Later that afternoon, in a vote by orders, Resolution A161 was defeated in the House of Deputies. The vote among the laity was 38 yes, 53 no, and 18 deputations divided. Among clergy the resolution received 44 yes votes, 53 no, with 14 divided. The measure needed two-thirds approval to pass. As deputies waited for the ballot results on the Special Committee version of the resolution to be announced, a number questioned whether it would be possible to reconsider the original Blue Book version of Resolution A161. The clerical deputation from Pennsylvania and the lay deputation from New Jersey eventu-

ally introduced a motion, but it failed to achieve the two-thirds majority necessary, 486 yes to 336 no.

#### Special Session Called

Following the defeat of Resolution A161, Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold called for an extraordinary joint session of the convention on the final legislative day in the hope that a way forward could be found. In his address to the joint session, Bishop Griswold told deputies and bishops that they needed to convince the rest of the Anglican Communion that the Episcopal Church is sincere in embracing the Windsor Report's call not to proceed with same-sex blessings and to enact a moratorium on appointing more openly gay bishops.

"For our voices to be heard, there needs to be a clear sense that we are not ignoring the sensibilities of those who are genuinely unable to understand what we have done," he said.

"Yes, there is anger, but to a greater degree there is confusion."

Bishop Griswold also identified the dynamics which previously led to the defeat of Resolution A161.

"Some among us feel that expressions of restraint with regard to the office of bishop demean the dignity of those among us who are gay and lesbian," he said. "Others among us may opposed to expressions of restraint, which would make it more difficult for them to justify their apparent need to establish a separate ecclesial body. Nothing would better serve such purposes than to be able to say that we, because of our action or inaction, have chosen to walk apart from the rest of the Communion. In a strange way, those with very different views are able to vote on the same side of the question."

Hours later, the House of Deputies concurred with the House of Bishops

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# **Last Day: A Flurry of Legislation**

After a turbulent morning debate to reconsider a resolution on the election of bishops that had been defeated earlier, the House of Deputies agreed to severe limitations on further debate in order to clear as much of the backlog of legislative motions as possible on June 21, the final day of the 75th General Convention in Columbus, Ohio.

The house agreed to the restrictions, but made an exception for five motions pertaining to slavery and racial reconciliation. Deputies from the Diocese of Central Florida spoke both for and against Resolution C011. The final version calls for "study of and dialogue about the history and legacy of slavery in the United States and of proposals for monetary and non-monetary reparations to the

descendants of the victims of slavery."

The Rev. Canon Nelson Pinder, an alternate deputy, spoke in support. "When my great, great grandparents were cut loose [from slavery] they were promised 40 acres and a mule. We didn't even get a goat," he said. "What we are saying here is that it is time to step up to the plate and acknowledge what is owed us."

Deputy Anneke Bertsch spoke against monetary compensation. "As a child I was incarcerated in a concentration camp," she said. "There I was forced to do slave labor and separated from my family. I share this with you because reparations would diminish the blessings I received in suffering. Please let us concentrate on those in urgent need."



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Bishop Barry Howe of West Missouri at a joint budget session of the two houses.

Deputies concurred on a flurry of legislation approved earlier during convention by the House of Bishops. Resolution A055 permits interim eucharistic sharing with the United Methodist Church (UMC).

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on Resolution B033, which recommended that standing committees and bishops with jurisdiction "exercise restraint by not consenting to the consecration" of openly gay persons to the episcopate. In doing so, they heeded a special plea issued by the Rt. Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, the Presiding Bishop-elect, to give her an opportunity to join the other primates in conversation.

The motion almost did not come up for consideration. The rules of the house had to be suspended before Resolution B033 could be introduced because a similar resolution was defeated the previous day. Deputies also had voted not to reconsider that version, which under the normal rules of procedure would have ended further debate by deputies during the 75th General Convention.

The motion to suspend Rule 28 on defeated resolutions carried by voice vote. At that time, vice president Bonnie Anderson of Michigan announced that Bishop Jefferts Schori wished to address deputies and she asked if the house would consent.

Sharing remarks made by a col-

league in the House of Bishops the previous day, Bishop Jefferts Schori said The Episcopal Church is currently one body with two minds. She drew an analogy to conjoined twins and said doctors rarely attempt to separate conjoined twins unless they are fairly certain both can survive.

"This creature the Church is not fully one and it is not fully two," she said. "The resolution that is before you is far from adequate, but it is my sense that it is the best we can do at this time. I am fully committed to the full inclusion of gays and lesbians. If you do pass this, you will have to try with all your might to come to one mind."

#### No Mention of Same-Sex Blessings

The version rejected the previous day had also advised The Episcopal Church not to proceed with same-sex blessings, but the resolution that was adopted did not mention them. When asked at a press conference afterward, Bishop Griswold said he did not anticipate any change to the decision made three years ago to acknowledge that same-sex blessings were occurring in various places and that they were within the polity of The Episcopal Church.

Debate on the resolution was signif-

icant, but it lacked the energy of the previous day. Deputy Jerry Kabell of Eastern Michigan urged defeat. "If we approve this we will be rejecting the leading of the Holy Spirit," he said.

The Most Rev. Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury, sent a message that commended convention, but reserved detailed remarks for later.

"It is not yet clear how far the resolutions passed this week and today represent the adoption by the Episcopal Church of all the proposals set out in the Windsor Report," he said. "The wider Communion will therefore need to reflect carefully on the significance of what has been decided before we respond more fully."

Two other resolutions dealing with the response to the Windsor Report also were adopted during convention. Deputies concurred with Resolution A166 from the House of Bishops supporting the process of developing an Anglican Covenant process. They also approved resolution A159, a commitment to interdependence in the Anglican Communion.

Steve Waring, the Rev. George Conger, and Episcopal News Service contributed to this report.

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support for gays and lesbians. Deputies concurred with the House of Bishops in opposing the criminalization of homosexuality, opposing state or federal constitutional amendments that prohibit same-gender civil marriage or civil unions and affirming the civil rights of gays and lesbians. Another resolution reiterates Episcopal Church support of gay and lesbian people as "children of God who have a full and equal claim with all other persons upon the love, acceptance, and pastoral concern and care of the Church."

Additional resolutions were adopted that came from the special committee that considered resolutions response to the Windsor Report.

#### **Church Discipline**

Deputies also concurred in creating a new task force to study aspects of church disciplinary canons. Proposed changes to Title IV would have replaced the current court-oriented system with a multi-layered approach intended to focus on mediation and reconciliation. The proposed revisions included a controversial provision that would subject certain lay leaders to the new canons. After hearing significant concern about the proposal, particularly about subjecting laity to ecclesiastical discipline, the legislative committee attempted to rewrite the 30-page resolution to clarify issues. However, it quickly became apparent to committee members the revision could not be accomplished in time for this convention to act, prompting a referral to the task force for continued revisions in the next three years.

Deputies also approved a pilot project to provide summer camps for children whose parents are in prison. A line item in the budget already approved by General Convention included \$65,000 for the new program.

The House of Deputies also took action on the following legislation that had already passed the House of Bishops:

 directed General Convention planners to provide child care facili-

### Consent Granted to Canon Beisner

The House of Bishops consented on ing the exercising of godly judgment June 20 to the consecration and ordi-

nation of the Rev. Canon Barry Beisner, elected bishop coadjutor by the Diocese of Northern California despite being twice divorced and married three times.

The Joint Legislative Committee on the Consecration of Bishops had given its consent to Canon Beisner's election, but four clergy and two laity on the 23-member committee released a minority report on June

19 calling for the rejection of consent to Canon Beisner. The report "was submitted in sadness," but noted that Canon Beisner's "prior marriages and divorces provide far too much room for his conscience to be compromised by his prior failures and thus hinder-



Rick Bate photo Canon Beisner

towards those under his pastoral care."

> The minority report stated they did "not wish to impugn [Canon Beisner's] ministry in the Diocese of Northern California, where he is obviously loved and appreciated," nor question the sincerity of his repentance. Citing 1 Tim. 3:2, the minority report stated a bishop "must, as St. Paul states, 'be above reproach'."

The bishops on the committee, under its procedural rules, did not vote on con-

sent, reserving their vote until the House of Bishops received the resolution and report.

Bishop-elect Beisner received 68 votes to consent (with 54 needed) from bishops with jurisdiction.

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ties at the 76th General Convention, which will meet July 8-17, 2009, in Anaheim, Calif. It also encourages dioceses and provinces to provide similar services at conventions and synod meetings (D059).

- defeated a resolution to shorten the length of General Convention to eight days, or nine days if a Presiding Bishop was to be elected (A155).
- adopted a proposal to standardize the size of standing commissions to 12 people, three bishops, three priests or deacons and six lay persons (A104).
- · authorized the creation of a Standing Commission on Lifelong Christian Education and Formation to develop and recommend policies for children, youth, adults, and seniors for lifelong Christian formation (A105).
- approved additional commemorations in the Calendar of the Church Year and authorize trial use thereof for the triennium 2007-2009, for Harriet Bedell, Anna Julia Heyward Cooper, James Theodore Holly, Oscar Romero and the Martyrs of El

Salvador, Patriarch Tikhon, Vida Dutton Scudder, and Frances Joseph-Gaudet.

- · approved for trial use new liturgies concerning rites of passage (A067).
- · acknowledged the authority of the triune God, exercised through scripture (D069.)
- · recognized the position in the Constitution and Canons that only those who have been baptized in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit shall be eligible to receive Holy Communion (D084).
- directed the Standing Commission on Ministry Development to design strategies for raising awareness and responding to the crisis of educational debt for seminarians (B006).
- authorized the establishment of a Church Planting Initiative to raise funds for new congregations (A042).

Steve Waring

Episcopal News Service contributed to this report.

# **Election Process Guided by Prayer**

The man to beat in the election for the 26th Presiding Bishop was a woman. The Bishop of Nevada, the Rt. Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, dominated the election to choose a successor to the Most Rev. Frank T. Griswold by the House of Bishops on June 18 at Trinity Church, Columbus, Ohio.

Bishop Jefferts Schori led the voting throughout the day, taking the election on the fifth ballot in voting that several bishops told The Living Church was marked by quiet decorum.

"Today was a very interesting process," said the Rt. Rev. John B. Chane, Bishop of Washington, with "hymn singing" and "not a lot of politicking" between ballots. If the election were the "work of human hands, it would have been a disaster," he said, but the "breath of the Holy Spirit" was present throughout.

Following the Eucharist at the Columbus Convention Center, the bishops were transported to Trinity Church across from the Ohio Statehouse in a fleet of buses. The closed session began with an explanation of the rules of the house. There were 188 bishops present and 95 votes were needed for election. Ballots with the candidates' names listed in alphabetical order were distributed.

On the first ballot, the Rt. Rev. J. Neil Alexander, Bishop of Atlanta, polled 26; the Rt. Rev. Francisco Duque-Gomez, Bishop of Colombia, 18; the Rt. Rev. Edwin F. Gulick, Jr., Bishop of Kentucky, 15; Bishop Jefferts Schori, 44; the Rt. Rev. Charles E. Jenkins III, Bishop of Louisiana, 29; the Rt. Rev. Henry O. Parsley, Bishop of Alabama, 36; and the Rt. Rev. Stacy Sauls, Bishop of Lexington, 20.

Voting in the opening rounds divided along personal, regional, and ideological blocs, with traditionalists backing Bishops Duque-Gomez and Jenkins. On the second round Bishops Jefferts Schori and Parsley tied with 49, with three of the five candidates losing votes to the frontrunners.

The result of the second ballot was: Alexander 26, Duque 10, Gulick 7, Jefferts Schori 49, Jenkins 30, Parsley 49, Sauls 17.

Throughout the day Bishop Griswold led the bishops in prayer while the chaplains, the Rev. Mark McIntosh and the Rev. Michael Battle, offered meditations. Between each vote the bishops engaged in "godly conversation," said the Bishop of New Jersey, the Rt. Rev. George Councell.

#### **Third Ballot**

On the third round Bishops Jefferts Schori and Parsley broke out from the other candidates polling 68 and 63 votes, respectively. The result of the third ballot was: Alexander 22, Duque 4, Gulick 1, Jefferts Schori 68, Jenkins 24, Parsley 63, Sauls 6.

After a break for lunch the bishops returned to voting with Bishops Jefferts Schori and Parsley strengthening their leads. The result of the fourth ballot was: Alexander 12, Duque 2, Gulick 0, Jefferts Schori 88, Jenkins 5, Parsley 79, Sauls 2.

After prayers and hymn singing, the bishops returned to the voting. There was silence as the results of the fifth ballot were read with no vocal response from the bishops as the teller announced Bishop Jefferts Schori had polled 95 votes. After the final name and tally had been read, Bishop Griswold announced "we have an election." A roar, Bishop Councell said, went across the house as the bishops stood to applaud the next Presiding Bishop.

The female bishops of the house gathered around Bishop Jefferts Schori and sang the doxology, some in tears of joy. One bishop walked quietly out of the house.

After the applause settled, Bishop Jefferts Schori thanked the house and the other candidates, and said, "you're not off the hook," adding her primacy would be marked by a collaborative leadership style.

The Rt. Rev. Richard Chang, Bishop of Hawaii, and the retired Bishop Suffragan of Ohio, the Rt. Rev. Arthur B. Williams, the present and former vice president of the house, were dispatched to announce the results to the House of Deputies'



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Electing bishops enter Trinity Church, Columbus.

committee on consecration of bishops.

At 3:01 p.m., the president of the House of Deputies, the Very Rev. George L.W. Werner, announced there had been an election and the consecration committee withdrew to discuss its consent to the election.

At 3:31 Matthew Chew of Arizona, deputy chair of the consecration committee, announced it had consented to Bishop Jefferts Schori's election by a vote of 64 to 1. The house erupted in applause and punctuated with howls of delight before being gaveled into order by Dean Werner to return to its legislative business.

Forty-five minutes of testimony was offered in support of the new Presiding Bishop's election. A vote by orders was called and the house confirmed her election 93 to 15 in the lay order and 94 to 14 in the clergy order.

Bishop Jefferts Schori entered the House of Deputies accompanied by Presiding Bishop Griswold and the Nevada deputation shortly before 5 p.m. and was invited to address the house. She thanked deputies for their support, speaking in English and Spanish.

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# **Presiding Bishop-Elect Elicits Hope, Caution**

In the hallways and exhibit hall of the Columbus Convention Center, bishops and visitors welcomed the election of the Rt. Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori as the 26th Presiding Bishop with a mixture of elation and hope for a different future.

"My hope is that, as she was one of the candidates of a more liberal persuasion, that we conservatives may be more clearly included in the life of the church than we have been," said the Rt. Rev. William C. Frey, retired Bishop of Colorado.

Mary Reath, of the Friends of the Anglican Centre in Rome, said Bishop Jefferts Schori's election will affect Angli-

cans' ecumenical dialogue with Roman Catholics, but in ways that aren't yet clear.

"The ecumenical movement in its infancy is uniting us, without it being



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Centre in Rome, said Bishop Jefferts Schori is welcomed in the House of Deputies following her Bishop Jefferts Schori's June 18 election as Presiding Bishop.

clear what the adolescence will be," she said. "It doesn't mean that we should not elect people like Katharine Jefferts Schori, but that we should explain ourselves clearly." The Rev. Jason Samuel praised the election as a breathtaking surprise. "No one saw it coming. We didn't," said Fr. Samuel, who was volunteering at the booth for Claiming the Blessing.

Fr. Samuel said he noticed the reactions of women ranging from young seminarians to Southern grandmothers. "To see the shock and then the joy and the tears in their eyes was very moving."

Craig Cole, of Five Talents International, welcomed the Presiding Bishop-elect's interest in fighting global poverty. "All I know is that she's very supportive of the Millennium Development Goals and has a heart for the poor, and that is encouraging." he said.

The Rt. Rev. Arthur Walmsley, retired Bishop of Connecticut, said he saw Bishop Jefferts Schori's election as an affirmation of her abilities. "I think it was far less a statement about her being a woman than her being the best qualified," he said. "Whenever she speaks, there's a clarity and a comprehensiveness."

Donna Blackstone, of the Episcopal Partnership for Global Mission, expressed caution about the future. "Just listening to her speak, I sense certain gifts of leadership," she said. "What remains to be seen is how much theology informs her leadership, because she is anything but a centrist."

Pam Stephens of Cincinnati, who's finishing a term as a regional vice president of Integrity, said she hopes Bishop Jefferts Schori will help the Episcopal Church fulfill its vision of reconciliation.

"I have a strong feeling that the church is going to come closer together," Ms. Stephens said. "The sense that I get from talking to people is that things are going to be more cohesive."

Douglas LeBlanc

#### 'Our Mother Jesus Gives Birth...'

The Presiding Bishop-elect of The Episcopal Church offered some glimpses of her theology when she preached the sermon at the Eucharist on June 21, the final day of the 75th General Convention in Columbus, Ohio.

"Our mother Jesus gives birth to a new creation, and we are his children," Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori of Nevada said. "We are going to have to give up fear. Do not be afraid. God is with you. You are God's beloved and God is well pleased with you."

Bishop Jefferts Schori stressed overcoming fear to the deputies, bishops and visitors.

"Our invitation, both in the last work of this convention, and as we go out into the world, is to lay down our fear and love the world, lay down our sword and shield, and seek out the image of God's beloved in the people we find it hardest to love. Lay down our narrow self-interest, and heal the hurting and fill the hungry and set the prisoners free. Lay down our need for power and control, and bow to the image of God's beloved in the weakest, the poorest, and the most excluded."

When she finished the sermon, Bishop Jefferts Schori received a standing ovation.

# **Fort Worth Pursues Alternative Oversight**

The day after the election of the Rt. Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori as Presiding Bishop [TLC, July 9], the bishop and standing committee of the Diocese of Fort Worth simultaneously informed the 75th General Convention that the diocese had appealed "in good faith" to the Archbishop of Canterbury for alternative primatial oversight effective immediately. Two other dioceses also said they will consider a similar plan.

At the start of the House of Bishops' seventh legislative session on June 19, the Rt. Rev. Jack L. Iker. Bishop of Fort Worth, announced the diocese's standing committee had faxed a request for DEPO "earlier this morning to the Archbishop of Canterbury.

"The Bishop and the Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth appeal in good faith to the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Primates of the Anglican Communion and the Panel of Reference for immediate alternative primatial oversight and pastoral care following the election of Katharine Jefferts Schori as Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church," Bishop Iker said.

That same day, shortly after the House of Deputies was gaveled into session, Judy Mayo, a six-time Fort Worth deputy, rose on a point of personal privilege to read the statement that had been approved by Bishop Iker and the diocesan standing committee. The Rev. Canon D. Lorne Coyle, chair of the deputation from the Diocese of Central Florida, followed Mrs. Mayo to the podium to indicate that although Central Florida did not share Fort Worth's theological belief that God has not called women to ordained orders. Central Florida stood in solidarity with the decision taken by Fort Worth.

The dioceses of Quincy and San Joaquin will each consider a plan similar to Fort Worth. The Rt. Rev. Keith L. Ackerman, SSC, Bishop of

Quincy, has called for Anglo-Catholics to hold fast and not quit The Episcopal Church over the election of a female Presiding Bishop.

The election of a female primate will stress the already fragile state of affairs within the Anglican Communion, observers fear, as a majority of the Communion rejects the ministry of women bishops.

#### Archbishop's Greeting

Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams touched on this difficulty in a letter of greetings to the new Presiding Bishop. "I send my greetings to Bishop Katharine and she has my prayers and good wishes as she takes up a deeply demanding position at a critical time," Archbishop Williams wrote.

"She will bring many intellectual and pastoral gifts to her new work, and I am pleased to see the strength of her commitment to mission and to

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One of the many times for worship during the Triennial Meeting of the Episcopal Church Women in Columbus, Ohio.

the Millennium Development Goals."

However, he noted "her election will undoubtedly have an impact on the collegial life of the Anglican Primates; and it also brings into focus some continuing issues in several of our ecumenical dialogues."

"This is the wrong time for us to be pushing the envelope again," Bishop Iker told The Living Church.

The Bishop of Pittsburgh, the Rt. Rev. Robert W. Duncan, stated his greatest concern was Bishop Jefferts Schori's teaching. "She is a bishop who teaches and acts precisely contrary to Windsor," he said. "That is going to make collegiality within the primates' meeting very difficult."

Speaking at a press conference after her election, Bishop Jefferts Schori said she "hoped to be able to deal" with requests "pastorally" from traditionalists not to act as chief consecrator of new bishops opposed to the ordination of women.

The election of Bishop Jefferts Schori as Presiding Bishop and chief consecrator of the bishops of The Episcopal Church presents a challenge to the "sacramental certainty" of the church, Bishop Ackerman said.

"The Bible, the ecumenical councils, the Vincentian canons" are founts of "our knowledge of sacramental certainty" and should not be interpreted through "sociological constructs" based on American "exceptionalism." he argued.

"If I truly believed I was a member of a protestant denomination. I would say to people that we would have to act immediately," he said. "But my ecclesiology is that we are part of a worldwide Anglican Communion. I don't await permission from the rest of the Communion, rather I recognize that consensus is an extraordinary component in the way we do Anglican theology. It's just that the Episcopal Church doesn't seem to be aware of that."

(The Rev.) George Conger

# **Quite a Surprise Election**



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Let's be honest here. How many of you had the Bishop of Nevada in your office pools? How many picked her at the local OTB? I thought so. A visitor from the local diocese (Southern Ohio) who stopped at TLC's booth in the exhibit hall at General Convention didn't even realize she was one of the candidates.

OK, so we have a Presiding Bishop-elect. Her name is Katharine Jefferts Schori, she's 52 years old, and on Nov. 1 she will succeed the Most Rev. Frank Griswold as the 26th primate of The Episcopal Church. What do we know about her? First, she's very smart. She is a marine biologist by trade, with a major in oceanography. In fact, she was involved in studying the habits of such critters as octopi and squid. She earned a doctorate from Oregon State University.

What else do we know? For one thing, she gave consent to the consecration of the Rev. Canon V. Gene Robinson as Bishop Coadjutor of New Hampshire, in 2003. That probably won't endear her to Anglicans who believe the American church has already gone to hell in a handbasket (by the way, whoever came up with that dreadful expression?). A priest who knew her in the Diocese of Oregon told me she's tough, and that she'll shake up that bureaucratic fortress in New York at 815 Second Avenue. We know that she has permitted same-sex blessings to take place in the Diocese of Nevada, and we know there are reports floating about that claim she would like to move the national church headquarters to the middle of this country. Perhaps St. Louis.

We also know she is female, one of 11 of her gender who have been consecrated bishops in The Episcopal Church, and here we could run into difficulty. Most of the 38 provinces of the Anglican Communion do not have female bishops, and there are still some

that do not permit female clergy. The mother church, the Church of England, has been haggling for several years over whether women can and should be bishops.

Like a few other bishops, Bishop Jefferts Schori pilots her own plane around Nevada. Those who know her use such words as "compassionate," "quiet," and "kind" in describing her. We also know that she has never been a rector, and that she is arguably the most liberal candidate theologically of the seven who were nominated for Presiding Bishop.

The election of Bishop Jefferts Schori has to rank as one of the biggest surprises in recent General Conventions. The news of her election was greeted with shouts, shrieks, and squeals all over the Columbus Convention Center. When the news reached the exhibit hall, it sounded as though Elvis or the Beatles had entered the building. The first person I told when I learned of the election said, "I thought so." Yeah, right. Before long, deputies were wearing pink badges that read "It's a girl."

There are several stories in circulation about how such a surprise came about. The most logical is that a coalition of bishops from the far left (choosing one of their own) and the far right (trying to show the rest of the Anglican Communion what a blatant strategy this was) got together to amass enough votes for Bishop Jefferts Schori to be elected. The most fascinating was a report that said Bishop J. Jon Bruno of Los Angeles engineered the election in order to get back at Bishop Griswold, who had reneged on a promise.

For most of the Episcopal Church, the change from one Presiding Bishop to another will mean absolutely nothing. Most likely the Presiding Bishop won't visit your church. The Presiding Bishop will not usurp diocesan canons to get her way in your diocese. You're likely to read about her making some statement on an important event, or meeting with the primates, or visiting a diocesan convention, but chances are you'll never see her in person. That's too bad, for from most reports, she is an impressive person, a gracious lady who is willing to listen. We have been asked to pray for "Katharine our Presiding Bishopelect." She will need our prayers.

David Kalvelage, executive editor

Did You Know...

Richard Schori, 67, husband of the Presiding Bishop-elect, is a former collegiate wrestler who has climbed the Matterhorn and Mt. McKinley.

Quote of the Week

the unconventional times, an unofficial journal of General Convention, on a remark overheard in a women's rest room after the election of the Presiding Bishop: "Someday the P.B. will be in here with us!"

## Convention Stumbles and Falls on Windsor Report

The resolution's failure to address the Windsor Report's recommendation of a moratorium on same-sex blessings is its greatest weakness.

Ever since the Windsor Report was published in 2004, Episcopalians have been told that it will be up to the General Convention to make an official response to the recommendations contained in that document. The 75th General Convention, meeting for 10 days in Columbus, Ohio, has crafted its response, and it is a colossal disappointment. After a series of proposed amendments, parliamentary maneuvers, and prolonged discussions, the convention adopted a resolution that satisfied almost no one, but probably kept The Episcopal Church as a full-fledged member of the Anglican Communion, at least for another two years.

It may be helpful to recall that the Windsor Report contains only recommendations, that it has no canonical clout, and that it was produced in response to The Episcopal Church's consecration of a non-celibate homosexual person as Bishop Coadjutor of New Hampshire. Nevertheless, the Windsor Report's recommendations seemed to be the best way to address the muddled situation brought about by the New Hampshire consecration. The Columbus convention fell short of complying with the key recommendations of the Windsor Report, and it failed to address one of the most divisive issues.

Optimists are likely to point out that The Episcopal Church is fortunate to have the resolution that was adopted eventually a few hours before adjournment, for heading into the final day of legislation it seemed unlikely that a response would be forthcoming. The House of Deputies, already far behind in its schedule, had on the previous day defeated a resolution that addressed the Windsor Report's call for a moratorium on the consecration of non-celibate homosexual bishops. It was only through a rare joint session of the two houses of convention called by Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold and a plea by his successor, Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori, that the matter was addressed as fully as it was. What resulted was a resolution known as B033, crafted by the Special Committee on the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion, that was adopted by both houses.

Two of the most important recommendations of the Windsor Report concerned the consecration of homosexual bishops and the blessing of same-gender relationships. Resolution B033 offers an inadequate response to the former and ignores the latter.

B033 states that the convention "call upon Standing Committees and bishops with jurisdiction to exercise restraint by not consenting to the consecration of any candidates to the episcopate whose manner of life presents a challenge to the wider church and will lead to further strains on communion." Such language is vague, for it does not address the moratorium on consecration of homosexual bishops called for in the Windsor Report, and it is unclear in its use of "manner of life," a phrase that could be interpreted in a variety of ways.

The resolution's failure to address the Windsor Report's recommendation of a moratorium on same-sex blessings is its greatest weakness. The 74th General Convention in Minneapolis had acknowledged that such blessings are taking place in the Episcopal Church but it did not approve or prevent them. Thus it would seem that blessings of same-sex couples will continue in many places, with or without the permission of diocesan bishops.

Even before deputies and bishops left Columbus, it was clear that the resolution was not going to satisfy leaders on the theological left or the right. Some of the church's most progressive bishops, led by the Bishop of Washington, said they would not abide by the terms of B033, and a group of orthodox bishops called the response to the Windsor report "simply inadequate." While the middle of The Episcopal Church may be shrinking steadily, it had enough strength to get B033 adopted.

Many Episcopalians have been waiting patiently since the 2003 General Convention to see where the church might be headed. They have heeded the advice of their bishops to wait and see, they have listened and entered into conversations and dialogue over the issues dividing us, and they have tried to keep abreast of developments affecting the Anglican Communion. They deserve something better than this.



By Ralph Spence, Jr.

As I write this article, General Convention has just completed its work. For the first time since 1991, a back injury has forced me to view the events from the sidelines through reports in the media, e-mail lists, and my Montana deputation. General Convention often sees the church at its best in worship and sharing of ministry and sometimes at its worst in the political maneuvering of the legislative process.

I regret not being able to see the exciting ministries on display in the exhibit hall, and miss sharing the passion of the participants. One cannot attend a General Convention without being impressed by the complexity of this event and how well it is orchestrated. It is amazing that a group of more than 1,000 deputies and bishops can debate, perfect and separately vote on more than 400 resolutions in 10 days. Can anyone imagine this being accomplished by our Congress? I commend those attending for their dedication to the church and thank them for their service. Obviously, General Convention has taken many actions

that have yet to be fully reported, and my comments are directed toward the issues that have been most visible in reports I have seen.

I expected to be a deputy in Columbus and participate fully in the discussions leading up to the General Convention. I proposed what I called the "common ground" resolution, defining possible answers to the theological and pastoral questions related to the blessing of same-sex relationships that were left unresolved in 2003. Responses to my effort before General Convention indicated that supporters of same-sex relationships were not ready to define answers to those questions in a resolution, and those opposed were not ready to consider compromise. More support was directed toward responses to the Windsor Report drafted by the Special Committee on The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion. The actions taken in Columbus on those resolutions will satisfy some while leaving others confused or frustrated.

There was an expression of regret for any harm caused by the consecration of V. Gene Robinson and a call for restraint in the election of bishops "whose manner of life (Continued from previous page)

presents a challenge to the wider Church." In the area of rites for blessing of same-sex relationships, it appears no action was taken that would modify the previous position of The Episcopal Church.

In response to calls for a theological explanation for the consecration of Bishop Robinson in 2003, some are characterizing our church as a community united in ministry with members who have diverse interpretations of scripture and theological beliefs. They say there is no single theological explanation for that action and none should be expected. In contrast to this, the debates at General Convention show that we are not united in our political beliefs and yet we support an office in Washington advocating one position on issues where we obviously disagree. Priorities seem to be confused when a religious community claims singularity in its political advocacy while in its scriptural

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interpretation and theology, diversity is accepted and even embraced. Whatever happened to scripture, tradition and reason?

It is also a contradiction to proclaim the diversity of our theological beliefs when those opposed to the ordination of women are subjected to ridicule. I have not been against the ordination of women, and would not have opposed the election of the Rt. Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori as Presiding Bishop because of her gender. I pray that she is able to build bridges with those who would have opposed her election, and hope she has the administrative ability to oversee effectively ministry at the Church Center.

At this time, General Convention appears to have taken many of the steps needed to continue full participation in the Anglican Communion. The question for many is whether that participation will be used as an opportunity to reconsider policy in response to concerns, or simply used to promote the acceptance of homosexual activity. Because of the inability to get answers to theological and pastoral questions as well as the contradictions discussed above, I tend to believe that embracing diversity is simply a way to generate support while the church moves away from its traditional teachings and purpose.

While I believe that one of the purposes of the church is to show the world how Christ's love and example can unite people and build community, it seems obvious from our struggles that we have gotten something wrong. Based on the frustration many in Columbus have expressed and the desire members have to be part of a religious community where policies reflect their beliefs, it seems The Episcopal Church is running out of time to get it right.

Ralph Spence, Jr., is a General Convention deputy from the Diocese of Montana.

#### **LETTERS** TO THE EDITOR

# Grim Prognosis

The prognosis for the Episcopal Church made by the Rev. Mark Lawrence [TLC, June 11] is very grim. It reflects the propaganda engendered by several unofficial "Anglican" organizations that foster a "death wish" for the church. The radical "cure" prescribed by the writer, the dictatorship of prelates, is indeed alien to the Anglican tradition we have known. It ignores the possibility the Holy Spirit may be guiding the Church into a deeper spirituality of love for one another often obscured in older models of the Church that demand uniformity by exclusion.

We have a lot to learn from Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who wrote in *Life Together*, "He who loves his dream of a community more than the Christian community itself becomes a destroyer of the latter, even though his personal intentions may be ever so honest and earnest and sacrificial."



I once heard someone say of a priest who was condemning the Church, "It is a poor bird who fouls its own nest."

(The Rev.) Donald A. Stivers Santa Barbara, Calif.

#### **Adult Response**

Frank Vaden's letter [TLC, June 18] clearly reveals the fallacy of viewing the Anglican Communion through the image of a patriarchal family. The Episcopal Church simply is not a wayward child rebelling against her Anglican Church parent.

A more fruitful image is this: The Episcopal Church is one of 38 adults struggling to find a way to express their love for and commitment to one another in the midst of genuine, legitimate differences. Our time in history does not call for a parent's tough love toward a juvenile delinquent. It calls instead for maturity, mutual respect and care. We are all adults, after all.

(The Rev.) John S. Nieman Clemson, S.C.

#### Richness of Scripture

In my reading of scripture, it is not the "impenetrability" that is the problem so much as the richness [TLC, June 25]. I find that I can continually go back to a passage and see more than I saw in my first reading, and if I'm doing proper study

with good and generous readers throughout the ages, then I see ever more and find surprises abounding in even simple texts.

The "Word" in John may well be "that principle of unity, purpose, and order," but it is also Jesus, through whom "all things came into being." Hence, when John finally ends his narrative of this Word/Jesus some 20 chapters later, he almost apologetically says, "There's more I can write about this, but you get the picture by now ..." (John 20:30-31). We can understand it, we just can't exhaust it.

(The Rev.) Anthony Petrotta Wilsonville, Ore.

Who hired Richard Wentz to teach religious studies? "The scriptures have no authority on their own," he wrote. "They are not a collection of divinely dictated recitations or maxims or regulations." Really? So the Catechism as found in the Book of Common Prayer is wrong? If we are not to look to the Bible for authoritative information, where in God's name would we look?

"The Word — that principle of unity, purpose and order..." Double really! The Articles of Religion state clearly that "The Son, which is the Word of the Father ..."

With people such as Richard Wentz influencing what some believe, it's amazing that anything substantive remains of the Catechism and Articles of Religion. At what point will they be amended or even expunged?

Jon W. Nelson Estes Park, Colo.

#### **Put Politics Aside**

With the convention breathing down our respectively collared and uncollared necks as this is being written, let me bring one point to fore. Those of us who like to be met and greeted at the door, especially strangers, may soon have no policy either to defend or complain. Soon we may have no church into which we might be welcomed.

Straighten up, folks, and serve Jesus. Put politics aside a moment if you dare. The almighty dollar and the Almighty God have no business being at war with each other. We have enough wars for the next 500 years. However, we have the sovereign Lord forever.

Be reasonable, respectful, and remember that you have been redeemed.

Linda Mixon Huntsville, Ala.

#### **Something Missing**

"No Vote Needed" [TLC, June 11] was a comprehensive article coming from a corner that is missing something in reason and understanding. Namely, that the office of bishop, priest or deacon does not take its commission to and from a utilitarian authority, but by the grace of God, and always has something to contribute to the welfare of the body of Christ by that same grace.

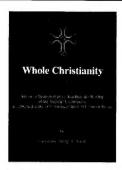
Now I realize that the grace offered in the ordination process is not always well received but it is a sad commentary on our church that retired bishops can be denied the privilege of a counting "say so" in the conduct of the faith and practice of the body of Christ. This is true even with those who don't know the faith and practice very well (much to our detriment). Perhaps if they are only utilitarian offices, we should shoot them when they leave an active office?

(The Rev.) James Graner Larned, Kan.

#### **Beside the Point**

The Rev. James Davis, in his letter [TLC, June 4], is correct, I believe, in saying that a homosexual person has no choice in the way his or her brain is wired. However, neither does a heterosexual person, all of which is beside the point because, according to my understanding of scripture and the faith we have received from our Lord, the only sexual activity approved is that between male and female following holy matrimony and the fact remains that each of us does have a choice regarding what we do with our orientation.

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# **Strong in Weakness**

'Go, prophesy to my people' (Amos 7:15)

#### The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 10B), July 16, 2006

**BCP**: Amos 7:7-15; Psalm 85 or 85:7-13; Eph. 1:1-14; Mark 6:7-13 **RCL**: 2 Sam. 6:1-5, 12b-19 or Amos 7:7-15; Psalm 24 or Psalm 85:8-13; Eph. 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

Trust shapes the Christian life and the practice of Christian ministry. Jesus sends out the disciples in pairs, but they must be vulnerable, open, emptyhanded as they go into the world. They must take nothing for the journey - no food, no money, no extra clothes. Their source of strength will be the authority that Jesus gives them, not their own holdings. They cannot save up for the next day, but they can trust there will be places of welcome and opportunities to serve as they venture on their way. However, none of this will be on their own terms. They cannot make reservations for the places they will stay, and they cannot predict when they will be needed. The situation is out of their control, but it is in God's hands.

If the disciples seemed to be sent out in vulnerability, we may see that God's grace was sufficient for them and that God's power was made perfect in their weakness (2 Cor. 12:9). Jesus gave them authority over the unclean spirits. They proclaimed repentance. They cast out many demons, they anointed and cured many sick people. The power of God's love to heal and transform was revealed in their ministry and made known in

their weakness. That's the paradox. They were strong in their weakness. They were constantly at risk, but they shared God's love in a powerful way. The extraordinary, the divine was known through their ordinary lives.

Amos also knew about the extraordinary in the ordinary. He said he was no prophet, nor a prophet's son, but a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore trees. Then the Lord took him from following the flock and sent him to prophesy to the people of Israel. Amos was humble in himself, but mighty in the Lord. He spoke with power. The people who opposed him could not bear his words.

Our Lord commissions and sends ordinary people like us to do the work of ministry, and that work can be abundant in its fruits. But we need to trust in God — not our own sense of control — for the work to flourish. It's not about us, and we'll get in the way if we cling to our own agenda or insist on our way. If our hands are full with our own stuff, we're hindered if we try to receive or share Christ's many gifts. But if we let go in trust, we can receive and offer help from beyond ourselves.

#### Look It Up

What examples do we find in scripture or Christian tradition of conversion as a letting go of an obstacle, a habit or a possession? What can we learn from Zaccheus or the prodigal son? What can we learn from St. Augustine or St. Francis?

#### Think About It

Is there something that comes between you and Christ's gifts for you? Do you resist letting it go? How can you change without the obstacle being in the way?

#### **Next Sunday**

The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 11B), July 23, 2006

BCP: Isaiah 57:14b-21; Psalm 22:22-30; Eph. 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-44

**RCL**: 2 Sam. 7:1-14a or Jer. 23:1-6, Psalm 89:20-37 or Psalm 23, Eph. 2:11-22, Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

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The person we are looking for is a dynamic disciple-maker, someone who has a Christ-like character and has a proven history of success with leading youth and building youth programs. We expect candidates to come with an established sense of their gifts and the direction their ministry should take. While we expect most candidates to be of the lay order, we would welcome an ordained person, and will ensure that the diaconal or priestly calling is honored by full participation in worship and other pastoral duties.

Send resumes to St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, 8515 Rea Rd., Waxhaw, NC 28173. We also invite you to visit our website at www.saintmargarets.net. E-mail to: youthdirectorsearch@saintmargarets.net.

#### **POSITIONS OFFERED**

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FULL-TIME RECTOR: St. Luke's, Church Hill, MD, a two-church parish located in a growing rural area is seeking a full-time rector. The parish is located on Maryland's Eastern Shore within an area of much rich tradition and history, with both churches being national historic Sites. St. Luke's is one of the oldest intact brick churches in the state of Maryland dating to 1732. This area is within I hour of Baltimore, Washington, and Philadelphia. It is also in the center of Chesapeake Bay country just minutes from the bay and its tributaries. The school system is one of the best in the state. There is a rectory as well as ample new construction for housing. For more information contact: Mr. A. J. Poole, Sr, 424 Chester River Heights Rd., Millington, MD 21651 or E-mail: apoole@dmy.com.

PART-TIME YOUTH WORKER: St. Michael's, Wayne, NJ, seeks a committed Christian, college graduate with pastoral, outreach/evangelism and community-building skills to expand our youth ministry program. The Youth Group Mission is to create a positive peer group that fosters growth in the abundant life of Jesus. Responsibilities include twice-monthly meetings, youth retreat, teen canteens and outreach to unchurched teens in a community of 50,000+. Parish profile and full job description at: www.stmichaelswayne.org or E-mail the Rev. John Donnelly: Jdonne6441@aol.com.

HALF-TIME PRIEST: Emmanuel Episcopal Parish on Orcas Island, Washington. We are a small but active parish of about 120 mostly older members. Orcas Island lies in the beautiful San Juan Islands about 70 miles north of Seattle, and is served by car ferry from the mainland. The parish has active outreach and Total Ministry programs. Duties include conducting two Sunday services, doing home and hospital visits counseling parishioners, conducting funerals, weddings and baptisms. Must be able to work with Church officers and committees to support ongoing programs. Request a parish profile by writing to Gil Blinn, Search Committee Chair, Emmanuel Episcopal Parish, P.O. Box 8, Eastsound, WA 98245.

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The Rev. Carl Mann is vicar of St. Alban's, PO Box 85, Spirit Lake, IA 51360-0085.

The Rev. Kathleen Milligan is rector of St. John's, PO Box 874, Dubuque, IA 52004-0874.

The Rev. Catharine W. Montgomery is priest-in-charge of Grace, 1021 New Hampshire Ave., Lynchburg, VA 24502.

The Rev. Sandra Lee Ragan is rector of St. James', 11511 SW Bull Mtn. Rd., Tigard, OR 97224-2716.

The Rev. William Blake Rider is rector of Christ Church, 20 Carroll St., Poughkeepsie,

The Rev. Melody Shobe is assistant at St. Thomas', 18300 Upper Bay Rd., Houston, TX

The Rev. John G. Williams is vicar of St. Francis', 1101 Rock Prairie Rd., College Station, TX 77845.

#### Receptions

Michigan — The Rev. John Franklin, as a priest from the Roman Catholic Church.

#### Deaths

The Rev. Edward O. Waldron, 76, who established a dynamic ministry as priestin-charge of St. Mary's Church, Dorchester, MA, from 1990 to 2000, died June 2 following a long illness.

Fr. Waldron was a native of Girard, PA, and a graduate of Indiana Central University, the School of Theology of the University of the South, and the University of Georgia. In 1958 he was ordained deacon and priest in the Diocese of Indianapolis, and he became vicar of St. John's, Mt. Vernon, IN, remaining there until 1962. He was rector of St. Alban's, Augusta, GA, 1962-69; rector of St. Timothy's, Washington, DC, 1969-76; and rector of Sts. John, Paul and Clement, Mt. Vernon, NY, 1981-84. At St. Mary's, Dorchester, he strengthened the ministry by emphasizing music. He formed a steel drum band there and wrote a book, Songs With a Message, that included many songs he had written. In recent years he attended All Saints', Dorchester. Fr. Waldron is survived by his wife, Helen; six daughters, Theresa, Mary, Annie, Angel, Arianne and Felicia; four grandchildren; three sisters, Sarah, Mary, and Jane; and a brother, John.

Other deaths of clergy as reported by the Church Pension Fund:

Miles W. Renear 86 Cayucos, CA **Paul Tritt** 88 Venetie, AK Robert M. Watson 80 Memphis, TN Wilbur C. Woodhams 88 Wauna, WA

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