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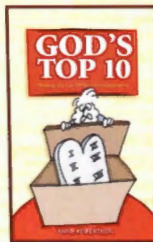
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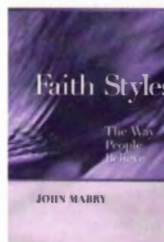
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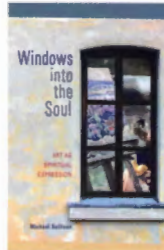
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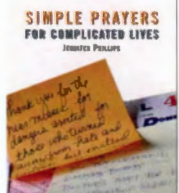
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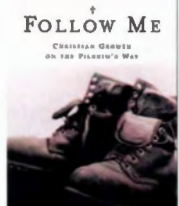
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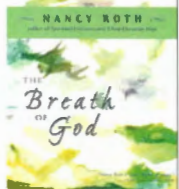
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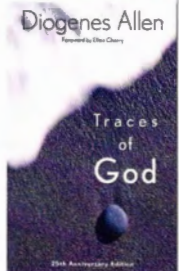
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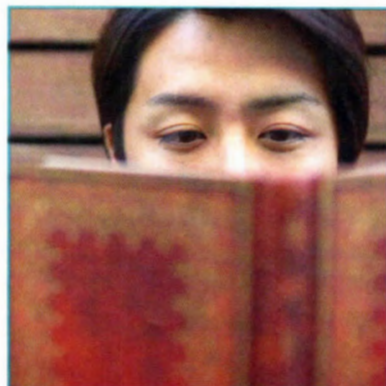
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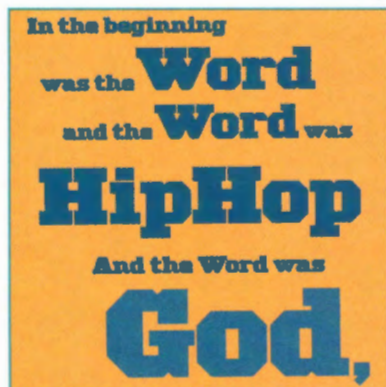
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God's Grace and Human Effort

'Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins' (Psalm 19:13)

The 17th Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 21B), Oct. 1, 2006

BCP: Num. 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29; Psalm 19 or 19:7-14; James 4:7-12 (13-5:6); Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

RCL: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22 or Num. 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29; Psalm 124 or Psalm 19:7-14; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

In these lessons we are warned against subtle sins, sins that are all too common among the faithful who might — or might not — avoid more recognizable sins such as greed, lust and anger. The lesson from Numbers presents the people of Israel wailing because they no longer have the easily accessible food that was provided for them while they were slaves. Their wailing begins when “the rabble among the people had a strong craving.” Likely the greater company was not mindful of the perceived lack of familiar food until “the rabble” began to complain. Although the people sinned by showing ingratitude to God for their new-found freedom and lack of faith in his ability to provide for them, it began when they heeded “the rabble.”

In the second lesson, James lashes Christian believers with a denunciation against a variety of common sins: double-mindedness, unseemly levity, speaking evil of others, taking action without being mindful of God's will, and dishonesty in paying wages.

In the gospel, Jesus points out that Peter's small-minded jealousy is actually a major hindrance to Jesus' work and

the proclamation of the kingdom.

Hard as these lessons are to read and heed, each also provides a comfort. In the Old Testament lesson, though the Lord's anger “blazes hotly” at the people's crying, he listens to Moses and then provides a practical solution. Today we would call it “delegation.” The Lord answers Moses' needs, and that answer will prove before long that shared leadership will contribute toward addressing the people's needs as well. They will still suffer consequences for their complaint, but they will return to faith.

The lesson from James begins with the solution: “Submit yourselves to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and he will draw near to you.” Utter dependence upon grace is vital, but we cannot let that dependence discharge the New Testament's clear and often-repeated teaching that dedicated human effort and perseverance are also vital in achieving “success” in the struggle for growing in sanctity. Jesus teaches the same lesson with words of unforgettable power — we are to “cut off” whatever leads us into habitual sin.

Look It Up

The most comforting lesson of all among these lections is the psalm. Consider how its message puts the final word on the theme for the day.

Think About It

In your self-examination, set aside for a moment your besetting sins that you know so well, and consider where you may also be sinning in subtle and unrecognized ways.

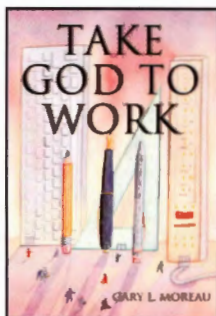
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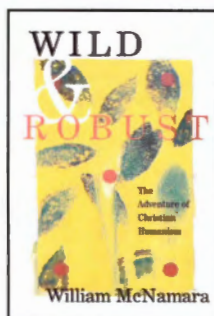
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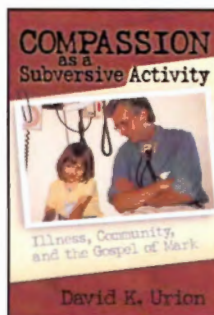
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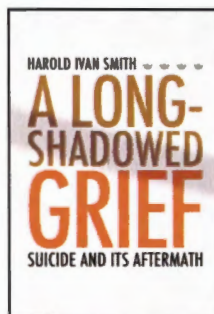
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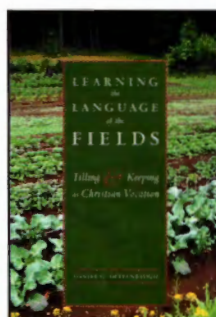
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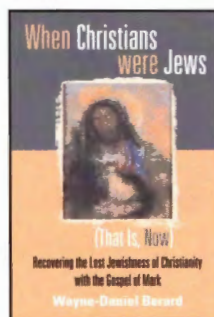
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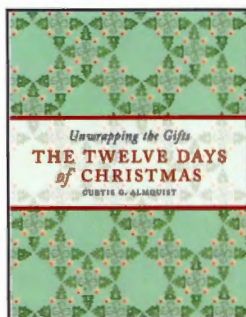
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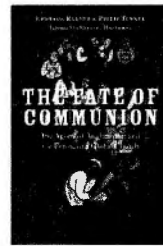
The Fate of the Anglican Communion

The Agony of Anglicanism and the Future of a Global Church

By Ephraim Radner and Philip Turner with a foreword by Stanley Hauerwas. Eerdmans. Pp. xiii, 306. \$32. ISBN 0-8028-3282-2.

All too often serious theological reflection on the many questions fac-

ing Anglicanism today is preempted by the polemics and politics of current battles over the place of The Episcopal Church in the Anglican Communion. There is thus a need for sound theological resources to help the church wrestle deeply with the significant ecclesiological matters before the Anglican Communion



at the present time. While clearly advocating what might be considered a "conservative" view on many of the hot topics in contemporary Anglicanism, this new book by two accomplished thinkers in The Episcopal Church is an important resource for the conversations and debates over the future of the Anglican Communion.

The two authors each write separate chapters in the book with Turner introducing the work and Radner offering the conclusion. Many of the 11 chapters of the book have been published elsewhere over the last five years as stand-alone essays in various journals. These essays have often been written by Radner and Turner in their role as "collegial theologians" of the Anglican Communion Institute (ACI) and the book, in fact, is dedicated to the other four ACI collegial theologians. The 11 main chapters are divided into four

Good theological discussion over important matters requires honest and open debate, and this book invites such.

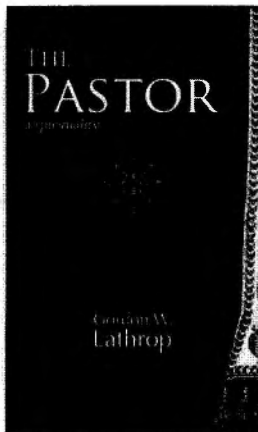
useful sections under the headings of: The Challenge of the Present Moment, Questions of Authority, Questions of Communion, and The Future of Communion.

Radner and Turner do not shy away from addressing the hard issues before the Anglican Communion. They are unambiguous in their belief that unless there is significant reform in The Episcopal Church, its place in the Anglican Communion is precarious at best. While the theological and ecclesiological positions of each of the two authors are quite similar in this regard, the voices of Radner and Turner are noticeably different, and this becomes evident as one reads through the articles. As such, Radner's writing can sometimes become theologically complex and thus difficult to follow for the uninitiated. Turner, on the other

Gordon W. Lathrop

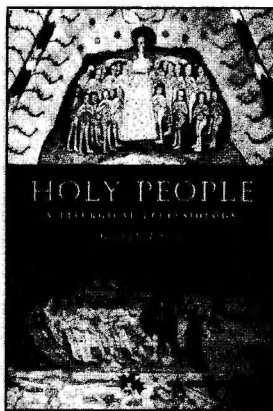
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hand, writes in a more accessible manner and does not shy away from advocating strong opinions and positions. The difference between the voices of the two authors from chapter to chapter does not detract from the book but helps to keep the reading fresh and engaging.

Readers of this important collection of essays will not agree with everything that Radner and Turner are saying. This reviewer is one who would take exception with some of the positions advocated. But good theological discussion over important matters requires honest and open debate, and this book invites such. In the end, Radner and Turner are calling the Anglican Communion into a place of holiness in service to God's redemption of the world in Jesus Christ. Such holiness is beyond polemics and politics and is the theological ground on which the fate of the Anglican Communion rests.

*(The Rev.) Ian T. Douglas
Cambridge, Mass.*

Common Prayer on Common Ground

A Vision of Anglican Orthodoxy

By Alan Jones. Morehouse. Pp. 108. \$13.95.
ISBN 081922247X.

Alan Jones is cross with both self-described "liberals" and self-described "conservatives" in the church. He is also cross with both self-described "evangelicals" and self-described "catholics." Well he might be. He wants them

all to become Anglicans, as he understands that designation. He describes himself as one who grew up evangelical and then found the depth of Anglo-Catholicism attractive. He questions liberals who think that faith is all about asking questions, but no less so than he questions conservatives who think they have all the answers. He really believes in the *via media* as the *via regia* — the middle way as the royal way — as the path of Anglican orthodoxy.

But what that orthodoxy might look
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By The Reverend Dr. Lester L. Westling, Jr.,
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like isn't terribly clear. Jones, the dean of Grace Cathedral, San Francisco, does come out strongly for the incarnation and the Trinity. "Both the conservative and liberal camps offer a mixed bag of pluses and minuses," he writes.

What *Common Prayer on Common Ground* seems to want to do is to detach Christian believing from secular assumptions and philosophies, both liberal and conservative. But this is a very large project, and Jones' slender volume of 108 pages isn't quite up to it. He lays out the lines of dispute quite well, but then suggests that it is the mysticism of Anglican worship that will bring us all together. Praying shapes believing, but some of us aren't mystics. Some of us are just dull-witted enough to need the catechism, to need a clear articulation of the ground of our shared belief.

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I end the book with a sigh. Alan Jones has a bigger vision than I do. It must be that mysticism. Let the likes of me plod along while the visionaries soar. But I love the promise of those like Alan Jones.

(The Rev.) Bonnie Shullenberger
Ossining, N.Y.

Any Bitter Thing

By Monica Wood. Chronicle Books. Pp. 348.
\$13.95. ISBN 0345477685.

In a recent lecture, Maine writer Monica Wood described her goal of writing books that would be considered "literary fiction," a step above the quality of beach-reads and many best-sellers. The magnificent prose, honest and unvarnished human pathos, complex and compelling stories, and pure beauty of *Ernie's Ark*, *Secret Lan-*

guage, and *My Only Story* show that she has accomplished this goal. *Any Bitter Thing* is her best accomplishment yet.

Framed with the story of a young girl adopted by her uncle, a Roman Catholic priest who is wrongly accused of child abuse, with chapters organized based on the liturgy of the hours, this is a profoundly spiritual book. It weaves a tale of love and betrayal, about life, death, and even murder, about the breaking and healing of relationships, and most of all, about hope and redemption in the midst of tragedy and loss. Twists and turns in the plot surprise the reader even to the end, making *Any Bitter Thing* a captivating journey all the way through.

(The Very Rev.) Benjamin Shambaugh
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From Cranmer to Sancroft

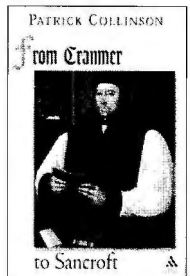
English Religion in the Age of Reformation
By Patrick Collinson. Hambledon Continuum Press. Pp. xv + 276. \$49.95. ISBN 185285118.

This collection of seven journal articles and one new essay on English church history is interesting, engrossing, and readable. Patrick Collinson, emeritus professor of history at Cambridge University, focuses in most of the carefully written essays on various relationships between Anglicanism and Calvinism/Puritanism. In his words, "Puritans and their children and grandchildren, Dissenters and Nonconformists, could never make up their divided minds on whether their divinely inspired mission was to take over and remake English society, or to withdraw from it into an alternative version of what it was to be English, and Christian." He fleshes out internal tensions in the Puritan movement that led him to this conclusion, and brings out some forgotten episodes in Anglican history.

The eighth essay appears for the first time in this volume and provides a short biography of William Sancroft (1617-1693), the 79th Archbishop of Canterbury.

A complicated and interesting man, Sancroft is generally forgotten as a figure of abiding importance in Anglican history. Patrick Collinson has done something wonderful in reminding us about this "monkish, abstracted man," in whom "one looks in vain for the poisoned pen."

Richard Mammana, Jr.
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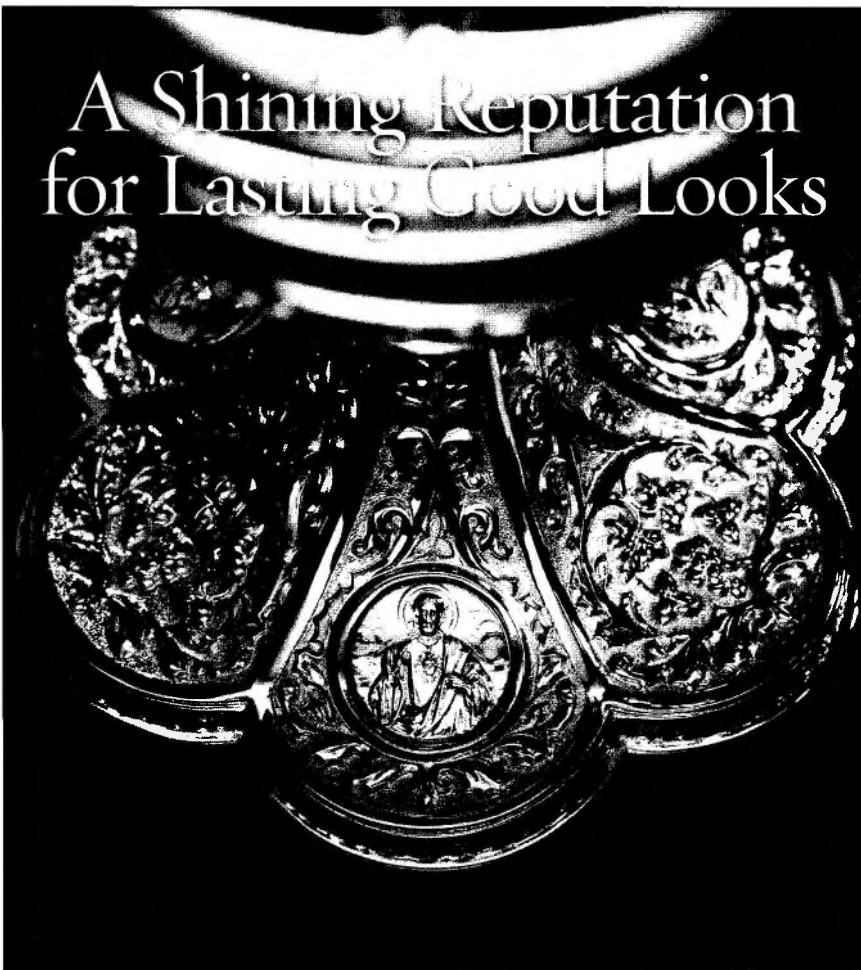
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By Neil Cole. Jossey-Bass. Pp. 237. \$23.95. ISBN 0-7879-8129-X.

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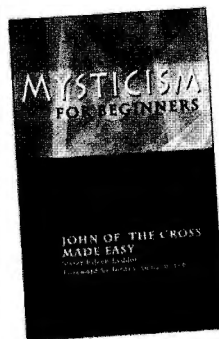
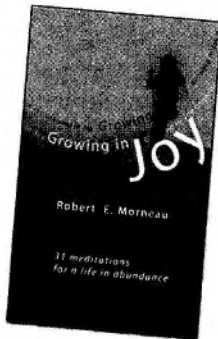
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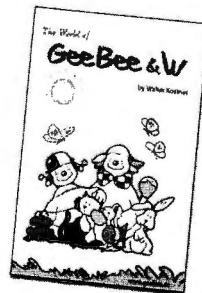
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Reading further reveals that "church" in Cole's domain bears closer resemblance to the biblical two or three gathered together than to the 3,000-member megachurch or even the 300-member denominational parish. The frustration is that one is hard put to link the thoughtful and often wise observations Cole makes to the politics and structures within which most readers of THE LIVING CHURCH find ourselves.

The organic church offers a church that is "simple enough that everyone can do it and ... made up of people who take up their cross and follow Jesus at any cost ... is informal, relational, and mobile." Reading how Cole's "churches" multiply from "Life Transformation Groups" of two to three people who gather a modest group of friends and acquaintances in their homes, who in turn spawn more "Life Transformation Groups," repeating the cycle, it is difficult to avoid comparisons to pyramid marketing models. If the evangelical megachurch is the Wal-Mart of American Christianity, Cole's organic church is Amway.

While the principles and practices espoused by Cole may be attractive to an Episcopal evangelist, and may yield results in reaching the unchurched, bridging this nuclear unit back into the bosom of this eucharistic communion may prove impossible, at least at present.

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Ministry and Prayer

Among books published in recent months are some unusual views of ministry:



WHEN WOMEN BUILD THE KINGDOM. By Leslie Williams. Crossroad. Pp. 206. \$17.95. ISBN 0-8245-2363-6.

Stories of the women doing ministry and how they differ from men doing ministry. The chapter titled "Forgiveness for Dessert" is particularly poignant. The author is married to an Episcopal priest.

MUSINGS OF A COUNTRY PARSON. By James F. Graner. Trafford. Pp. 140. \$16.50. ISBN 1-41205300-5.

The author, a frequent contributor to TLC, presents short essays, most of which were compiled during his ministry in small-town congregations. Some solid thoughts on the state of the Anglican Communion and on the importance of Trinitarian Christianity.



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Church of the Ascension, Lexington Park, MD
Diocese of Washington

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The adjustments that need to be made by service personnel when they return from active duty can be considerable. Lester Westling, Episcopal priest and military chaplain, addresses the changes that can take place while people are serving. Includes two examples of seminars.



Books on prayer and spirituality continue to be among the most popular in the religious market. Some of the recent releases are noted:

SIMPLE PRAYERS FOR COMPLICATED LIVES. By Jennifer Phillips. Seabury. Pp. 114. \$12. ISBN 978-1-59627-029-9.

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ALL GOD'S CREATURES: The Blessing of Animal Companions. By Debra K. Farrington. Paraclete. Pp. 208. \$14.95. ISBN 1-55725-472-9.

Animal lovers probably have known what the author reports: that from the beginning of time God intended humans and animals to live in covenant together. While not primarily a book of prayers, there are suitable prayers throughout this book. Reflections on pets in our lives from their arrival to death.



Eastern Michigan Bishop Begins by Traveling

During the first five months of his episcopacy, the Rt. Rev. S. Todd Ousley intends to visit all 50 congregations in the Diocese of Eastern Michigan, but he will not vest and is not scheduled to perform any liturgical functions until February.

"It's so easy for a bishop to get drawn into the frenzy of Sunday visitations," he told *THE LIVING CHURCH*. "I wanted to take this time now to listen. I'm 45. I'll be in this for the long haul. I don't feel as though I need to make my mark in a hurry. The first thing I want to do is hear from [the parish leadership] how I can help them to bring their dreams to fruition."

In May delegates to a special convention elected Bishop Ousley on the fifth ballot. The former missionary for congregational development was consecrated Bishop Coadjutor of Eastern Michigan Sept. 9 before a congregation of 900 at the Horizons Conference Center in Saginaw. The Rt. Rev. Wen-

dell Gibbs, Bishop of Michigan, served as chief consecrator. The Rev. Gay Jennings, associate director of the CREDO Institute, delivered the sermon. For the past three years, Bishop Ousley has been a member of the faculty at CREDO, a continuing educational institution dedicated to the health and well being of clergy.

Following the Dec. 31 retirement of the first Bishop of Eastern Michi-

gan, the Rt. Rev. Edwin M. Leidel, Jr., Bishop Ousley will become the second youngest Episcopal bishop in America, behind 43-year-old Oregon Bishop Johny Itty.

Bishop Ousley said he felt "a palpable sense of connection" when the episcopal ring (one of the symbols of office



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The Rt. Rev. S. Todd Ousley (center) receives the mitre, stole and chasuble from the Rev. Chuck Stuart and Anne Labat-Gepert (who made the chasuble and stole) during his consecration and ordination as Bishop Coadjutor of Eastern Michigan Sept. 9.

traditionally given a new bishop during the consecration liturgy) was placed on his finger. The ring, which was also used when Bishop Leidel was consecrated in 1996, belonged to the late Rt. Rev. William J. Gordon, Bishop of Alaska from 1948 to 1974 and assisting Bishop of Michigan from 1976 to 1986.

Sixth San Diego Church Votes to Leave Diocese

Despite appearances to the contrary, God is creating a new and holy thing in our midst, according to the Rt. Rev. James R. Mathes. The Bishop of San Diego wrote to his clergy Sept. 8, following the defection of Holy Trinity Church, San Diego, after a parish meeting on Sept. 6 at which the congregation voted to withdraw from the diocese. Those who leave will receive episcopal oversight from the Most Rev. Gregory Venables, Primate of the Southern Cone and Bishop of Argentina.

The departure of Holy Trinity follows in the wake of the withdrawal of portions of Christ the King, Alpine; St. Anne's, Oceanside; St. John's, Fallbrook; All Saints', Vista; and Grace, San Marcos.

The Rev. Lawrence Bausch, rector of Holy Trinity since 1979, said the

actions of the 74th and 75th General Conventions influenced the actions, but the decision to disassociate arose from a series of letters and statements made by Bishop Mathes over control of parish property. Fr. Bausch was a deputy to General Convention in 2003 and an alternate in June.

In a Sept. 7 letter to the clergy of the diocese explaining his actions, Fr. Bausch said that Bishop Mathes' letter written in April "which warned clergy and vestries of possible inhibition and removal if thoughts, words or actions concerning separation from the Diocese or ECUSA were to surface" was the catalyst.

"Since Holy Trinity's documents failed to include the subordination language expected by the bishop, both the vestry and I felt vulnerable," he said.

Fr. Bausch also noted that Bishop Mathes' description of the Anglican Communion Network as "schismatic and destructive" was a cause of concern, as the parish had been a member of the Network prior to Bishop Mathes' election.

However Bishop Mathes' "preemptive strike" against the Bishop of San Joaquin, the Rt. Rev. John-David Schofield [TLC, Aug. 20], for allegedly abandoning the communion of the church was the act that prompted the departure.

Bishop Mathes explained the situation to the clergy in a Sept. 8 e-mail, likening it to the fable of Chicken Little.

"A couple of others may join the parade, but the sky will not fall for the Episcopal Church," Bishop Mathes said.

(The Rev.) George Conger

No Agreement Reached at New York Meeting

The group of bishops meeting in New York City from Sept. 11 to 13 failed to reach any conclusions or consensus.

"We had honest and frank conversations that confronted the depth of the conflicts that we face," the bishops said in a statement published by Anglican Communion News Service. "We recognized the need to provide sufficient space, but were unable to come to common agreement on the way forward. We could not come to consensus on a common plan to move forward to meet the needs of the dioceses that issued the appeal for Alternate Primatial Oversight. The level of openness and charity in this conference allow us to pledge to hold one another in prayer and to work together until we have reached the solution God holds out for us."

The co-conveners of the meeting were Bishops Peter James Lee of Virginia and John Lipscomb of Southwest Florida. Other participating bishops were Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold, Presiding Bishop-elect Katharine Jefferts Schori and Bishops Jack Iker of Fort Worth, Robert Duncan of Pittsburgh, James Stanton of Dallas, Edward Salmon of South Carolina, Mark Sisk of New York, Dorsey Henderson of Upper South Carolina, and Robert O'Neill of Colorado. Canon Kenneth Kearon, the Secretary General of the Anglican Communion, facilitated the meeting.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, who organized the meeting, issued a statement as the participants adjourned.

"It's a positive sign that these difficult conversations have been taking place in a frank and honest way," he wrote. "There is clearly a process at work and although it hasn't yet come to fruition, the openness and charity in which views are being shared and options discussed are nevertheless signs of hope for the future. Our prayers continue."

Anglican News Service contributed to this report.



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Sandra Lyon, executive director of Episcopal Social Services (ESS), addresses the Sept. 9 rally, which drew some 300 supporters, including the Rt. Rev. Dean Wolfe, Bishop of Kansas.

Kansas Episcopalians Tell County Compensation is Inadequate

The Rt. Rev. Dean Wolfe, Bishop of Kansas, urged a Sept. 9 rally of some 300 supporters of Episcopal Social Services to persist until the Sedgwick County Commission makes adequate provision for the relocation of the agency based in downtown Wichita.

Last year Episcopal Social Services (ESS) served more than 7,000 people during 19,000 visits. The agency operates a variety of programs, including help with employment, education and counseling. In addition, it provides more than 19,000 free hot lunches a year and emergency food assistance. In preparation for construction of a downtown sports arena, the county recently offered ESS \$500,000 for its building, but Sandra Lyon, executive director of ESS, said the agency will need at least \$1.3 million to purchase and refurbish a building that meets its needs.

Finding a new facility for the agency is a challenge, given the shortage of suitable buildings in the area. ESS wants to remain downtown, she said, because that is where most of its clients live. It also needs access to the bus transit system because so many clients don't own cars, and they need a parking lot big

enough to accommodate the nearly 100 volunteers who serve there.

There are 26 pieces of property slated for demolition, according to Ms. Lyon, and the county has settled with only three of them to date. One of those, a bar across the street from ESS with a history of police calls for drug and alcohol violations, was offered \$915,000 for its building. Ms. Lyon said the county told her it had to factor in the bar's potential lost revenue but couldn't do that for a not-for-profit agency like ESS. "We asked them to consider the value of what we do, and there is a dollar value to it, but they said it wasn't possible to do that," she said.

The Rev. Steven Mues, rector of the Combined Ministry of St. Alban's and St. Stephen's in Wichita, fired up the crowd when he chastised the county for comparing the ESS building to a warehouse in its appraisal process. "This is not a warehouse," he said. "It is a recycling center, a recycling center for human beings, providing the resources so those who have been cast aside and scratched and damaged and hurt by life can find resources to help them reclaim life and become new beings."

Melodie Woerman



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Mohammad Khatami (center), former president of Iran, is escorted to the lectern at Washington National Cathedral Sept. 7 by the Rt. Rev. John B. Chane, Bishop of Washington, and the Very Rev. Samuel T. Lloyd, dean.

Former Iranian President Speaks at Washington National Cathedral

At times when mistrust and sectarianism abound, dialogue with moderates such as former Iranian president Mohammad Khatami is essential if The Episcopal Church is to be a force for reconciliation, claims the Rt. Rev. John B. Chane, Bishop of Washington.

President Khatami's Sept. 7 lecture at Washington National Cathedral drew a rebuke in advance from the bishops of Northern Indiana, Rhode Island and Southwest Florida and some 200 protesters for the lecture itself. In a Sept. 5 letter of protest to Bishop Chane and the dean of the cathedral, the three said without the inclusion of differing voices on the lecture program, the invitation to President Khatami was an "ill-conceived and inappropriate expression of the aspirations of our Church."

The Rt. Rev. Edward S. Little II, Bishop of Northern Indiana, and the Rt. Rev. Geralyn Wolf, Bishop of Rhode Island, were raised in Jewish households before joining The Episcopal Church. The Rt. Rev. John B. Lipscomb, Bishop of Southwest

Florida, has spoken out previously against genocide as well as several Episcopal Church resolutions which he believes placed a disproportionate share of blame for Middle East violence on Israel.

After the lecture, Bishop Chane praised Mr. Khatami and said The Episcopal Church must be willing to seek moderate voices such as his.

"His record in Iran was the record of a reformer trying to address the issue of human rights and to lessen the influence of the religious courts," Bishop Chane told *THE LIVING CHURCH*. "He has been sincere in his efforts to increase dialogue and understanding."

Dressed in a black turban and robes and speaking in Farsi through an interpreter, Mr. Khatami condemned human rights violators and those who commit crimes in the name of religion, and called for respectful international dialogue, an end to unilateralism and violent language between nations, and the eradication of all weapons of mass destruction.

Bishop Jefferts Schori Makes Appointments

The Rt. Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori recently announced her first appointments since being elected the 26th Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church.

Bishop Jefferts Schori has named eight members of a search committee that will assist her with the selection of a new executive director, who will serve as chief operating officer at the Episcopal Church Center in New York City and vice president of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society (the corporation chartered by The Episcopal Church). The Rev. Canon Robert M. Nelson, canon to the ordinary in the Diocese of Nevada, will chair the committee.

Other members include the Rt. Rev. David Andres Alvarez, Bishop of Puerto Rico; Bonnie Anderson, president of the House of Deputies; the Rev. James H. Cooper, rector, Trinity Church, Wall Street, New York City; Vincent Currie, Jr., administrator of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast; the Rev. Canon Carlson Gerdau, canon to the Primate and Presiding Bishop; the Rev. Gay C. Jennings, associate director of CREDO Institute, Inc.; and the Rt. Rev. Chester L. Talton, Bishop Suffragan of Los Angeles. Bishop Alvarez, Ms. Anderson and Ms. Jennings are members of the national Executive Council. A majority of the 36-member council must concur with the appointment.

The published list of attributes sought in the executive director includes demonstrated awareness of the "polity, governance, culture and traditions of The Episcopal Church"; understanding of systems and ability in conflict identification, management and resolution; extensive experience in organizational management, and proven abilities in team building.

Applications should be sent to Canon Nelson in care of the Diocese of Nevada no later than Oct. 2. The current executive officer, Patricia C. Mordecai, previously announced her intention to retire later this year after more than eight years of service.

PARISH e-Turners



Book
groups
spark
discussions,
increase
parish
participation

By Michael O'Loughlin

Programs and meetings are back in full swing at most churches, and in many Episcopal parishes, that includes one or more book clubs. Book discussion groups have proven to be a way to encourage men and women with a wide range of interests to meet other parishioners, share their love of reading, and explore their faith.

Many reading groups take the summer off and are just now beginning to meet again. Such is the case with the participants in the men's book group at Good Samaritan, Sammamish, Wash., which meets monthly from September through June.

"The guys like historical fiction, biographies, and philosophical" genres, said Randy Nevin, a group participant. *Father Joe*, by Tony Hendra, was a book that the group recently found "very inspirational and uplifting," Mr. Nevin said.

The women's book group at All Saints', Brookline, Mass., holds its meetings twice each month for 90 minutes on Saturday mornings. Club facilitator Lu Bunting said that *A Season*

for the Spirit by Martin Smith was well received because "he provided meaningful daily reflections for Lent that led participants deeper into their relationship with God and creation."

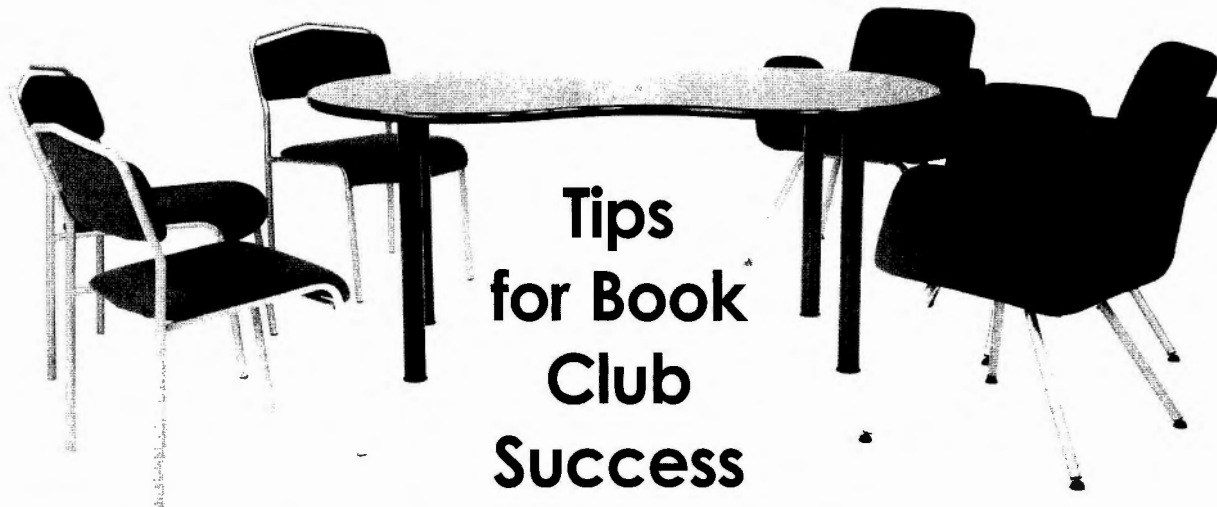
Another women-only book club, at St. John's Norwood in Chevy Chase, Md., has met on the first Monday evening of the month for 13 years. "We try to alternate classics and older books with more current titles," said Nancy Wiecking, an original member. She said the books selected are almost always "either by women or featuring a woman prominently, though occasionally exceptions are made." One title that was popular with her group was *The Linden Tree*, a privately printed book by Marianne Meszoly, "because of the way it personalized history ... and the author met with us."

One of the best aspects of the men's book group at St. John's Norwood, according to member Earle O'Donnell, is that "we intentionally select books that many members might not read on their own. Because group members include folks who are historians, scientists, doctors, and former senior military and state department officials,

among others, we frequently pick books that one of the group has some special personal insight into because that adds so much to the discussion which we all prize. We have made a special effort to understand other cultures, having read several works on religion."

Of course, not all book groups are men- or women-only. The club at Trinity Church on the Green, New Haven, Conn., now in its 20th year, meets once a month between September and June, attracting between 10 and 24 participants. Club member Jenny Briggs said the club started as a women-only group, but now welcomes men, who make up about 40 percent of participants. "The gender mix leads to interesting discussions and a more varied book selection and choice," she said.

St. Stephen's, Orinda, Calif., has two book groups, including a recently formed Simple Living Book Club. Elizebeth Kingsley facilitates the "traditional" book club, which meets monthly during the program year for 90 minutes. She said the group chooses its book list in the spring for the coming program year.



Tips for Book Club Success

- Make the book selection process democratic, with nominations and voting.
- Require that nominated books must have been read by the recommender (not "I heard this was good").
- Rotate meetings among members' houses, where people often feel more comfortable.
- Concentrate on recruiting new members, with invitations in the church newsletter and weekly bulletin.
- Have an occasional potluck or movie night or other fun activity.
- Let members recommend a broad range of book subjects, even if controversial.
- Don't serve a full meal at each meeting — it's too much like work.
- Be open to a book you would not otherwise read. You may find it most interesting precisely because it is new to you.
- Rotate conveners. The person who nominates the selected book should provide background information and questions to start the discussion.
- Remember that the purpose of the meeting is to have a discussion, not listen to a lecture. Give everyone a chance to contribute.
- Choose from a variety of categories to make the club widely appealing.
- Make participation easy. Assure people they can drop in just once if they like.
- Explore a discount ordering arrangement with a nearby independent book shop.
- Keep a copy of each book in the church library.

"We try to choose books that will lead to thought-provoking discussions," she said. *The Curious Incident Of The Dog In The Night* by Mark Haddon was such a book. We all enjoyed the story and had a moving discussion since two of our members had personal stories to tell. The experience certainly brought us all closer together."

The parish's Simple Living group started in June and plans to continue meeting monthly in members' homes, according to facilitator Sheri Sweeney. "We currently have about 10 people participating," she said. "We know the search for simplicity resonates with

plenty of people outside the church, so we encourage friends and neighbors to join with us in our reading and discussion. It's a great opportunity to extend hospitality and an invitation to give The Episcopal Church a try.

"All the books selected for this group address the theme of 'simplicity' in some way," she said. "This fall we'll be reading and discussing *Praying Like Jesus: The Lord's Prayer in a Culture of Prosperity* by James Mulholland, and club members will facilitate a parish workshop on simplifying the holidays based on Jo Robinson's and Jean Coppock Staeheli's book *Unplug the Christmas Machine*.

Fellowship and More

Fellowship is a primary goal for most of the groups. "We share our passion for books and share the life experiences that a good book, like few other things, draws out from people," Mr. O'Donnell said. "Some would say that is the essence of real community building and I think that is one wonderful by-product of these meetings. It also has served as a means of integrating newcomers into the congregation."

Jim Hindle, who participates in a men's book group at St. Dunstan's, Madison, Wis., echoed Mr. O'Donnell's

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comments. In addition to fellowship and enjoyment, participation “makes us aware of the difference of opinion and feelings of the group, and teaches tolerance and appreciation for these differences,” he said.

Community building and adult Christian formation are goals of the book group at St. Matthew’s, St. Paul, Minn. “It’s also a way to engage more deeply with the ideas, themes and theological concepts that will help people go deeper spiritually, and that I — and other members of our leadership team — highlight in sermons, newsletters, and community discussions,” said the Rev. Blair Pogue, rector.

Ms. Sweeney said the Simple Living Book Club “grew out of the desire of a few parishioners to consciously slow down, and we decided to use the book club format because it is sometimes easiest to tackle tough issues — theological and otherwise — by having a shared frame of reference. The books we read present us with a great jumping-off point for our discussions.”

The goals of a book group can also advance the goals and spirit of the parish as a whole. Ms. Bunting said her group has offered All Saints’ “focused spiritual growth and growth in community.” Mr. Hindle said the St. Dunstan’s book group has “been able to close the gap of understanding on some very tough issues, which carries over to the congregation as a whole.”

Ms. Kingsley said that at St. Stephen’s, “whatever the book, we feel comfortable sharing experiences and we all learn in the process as we build a stronger faith foundation together.”

The book group at St. Matthew’s is “a great way to introduce ideas and possibilities to a core group of parishioners,” Ms. Pogue said, “and also a safe, non-threatening way to help people explore and deepen their faith.

“I have found that newcomers and seekers who are interested in exploring the Christian faith but are initially intimidated by a Bible study are willing to discuss a novel in which biblical or theological themes are prevalent,” she said. “It is so important for us to have a place to make and explore connections between our faith and the world.” □



Observing Congregations

Diana Butler Bass focuses on why congregations succeed

By Peter Eaton

Diana Butler Bass has been called the “new Loren Mead” of her generation, and it is not hard to see why. She loves congregations, and knows more about contemporary congregational life in mainline churches than almost anyone. Her book, *The Practicing Congregation*, has been the Alban Institute’s best-selling title since Mead’s ground-breaking *The Once and Future Church* was published in 1991.

Butler Bass is intrigued by the unexpected. Her first book, *Standing Against the Whirlwind*, was a scholarly examination of the evangelical movement in the 19th-century Episcopal Church. “I like to look at things that are off the radar screen,” she says, “and the evangelical movement in the Episcopal Church was something that most people had forgotten.” Like many historians, she is as much interested in the future as she is in the past: “I hope to help people understand their history so that it can be the foundation for them to change and move ahead.”

This fascination for making unexpected connections, and for looking at what she likes to call “usable history,” has brought Butler Bass from the academic study of the history of the church to the disciplined analysis of contemporary congregational life. Her book, *Strength for the Journey*, published in 2002, is part memoir, part reflection on the life of the church. In the last chapter, she suggested a new kind of congregation, which she called the “intentional congregation,” the sort of congregation that might offer hope for the future to mainline churches.

Then the breakthrough came. Someone at the Lilly Foundation read her book, and asked her if she would be willing to expand the idea beyond The Episcopal Church and her own personal experience. Could she find interesting and instructive examples of intentional congregations from which others might learn? Once again Butler Bass was able to look at the unexpected. “Everyone was saying that the mainline churches were dying, but that was not my experience,” she wrote. “Conservative churches had been over-studied, while progressive churches had not. So I wanted to see what made congregations in mainline churches flourish.”

Lilly gave her a grant for a three-year project on “the practicing congregation.” Ultimately, she identified 50 congregations across the United States. The smallest had 35 members, the largest 3,500, and they were from six different denominations. “One of the few things they had in common,” she reflects, “was that they are all ‘vital’ congregations — so all of them were growing, either in terms of their spiritual life, or their numbers, or both.”

The book *The Practicing Congregation* came out of the research project as it was still going on, and it was a “theology” of the investigation. The next book, *From Nomads to Pilgrims*, contains the voices of the pastors of the congregations in the study. Butler Bass wanted not just to reflect on theory, but also to give readers a concrete sense of what these vital congregations were like in real life.

Her latest book, *Christianity for the Rest of Us*, to be published by Harper San Francisco this month, is the fruit of her research re-told for a much wider audience. She tells the stories of vital congregations in her own words: “I want to say why all this is important, and how congregations can transform their communities.”

Butler Bass has some criteria for “congregations of intentional practice.” In four words, they are “attentiveness,” “discernment,” “purpose,” and “practice.” “You have to pay attention to what you are doing in congregational life, and see how things fit,” she insists. “Just doing what you have

always done the way you have always done it won’t work anymore.

“Then listen carefully to the way God is leading the congregation,” she says. “Trust that God has a purpose for you as individuals and for the community to which you belong.” And then there is nothing else to do but get on with it, to live out those spiritual practices that come from our deep and great traditions as churches. Practices like worship, doing justice, hospitality, and healing, which are the “signposts” of her new book.

“If we treat these matters as *practices*, as spiritual *habits*, then we get better at them, and they transform us. To be intentional about our practices in community will indeed bring new life to our congregations,” Butler Bass reflects. In just this way, the church can reclaim its vocation to transform the world.

And she should know. For she travels the country, seeing just such vitality everywhere. □

The Very Rev. Peter Eaton is the dean of the Cathedral of St. John, Denver, Colo.

Books

Standing Against the Whirlwind:
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(Oxford University Press 1995)

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Learn more about Diana Butler Bass
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In the beginning
 was the **Word**
 and the **Word** was
HipHop
 And the Word was
God,
 "don't quit"
 and it **don't**
stop

Amen! WORD!

When I learned that *The Hip Hop Prayer Book* was being published by Church Publishing, I was anxious to see it, for like many of you, I have read in this magazine and elsewhere about this cultural phenomenon. It looks like a prayer book, reads like a prayer book, and really is a prayer book.

It contains an order for the Holy Eucharist, a hip hop baptismal rite, versions of the Daily Offices, hip hop translations of many of the psalms, Bible stories, and perhaps most fascinating, a section titled Rhyme, Rap, and Prayers of the Hood.

Here's an example, the opening verses of the Magnificat:

*The mighty one's done great things for me
 Just look around and you can see...
 The mighty one's done great things for me
 So I holla his name out in the streets...*

And the opening of John's gospel:
*Couldn't express the feeling I was looking
 for the words*

*My man on the block came up and said
 "word!"*

*Tossin and turnin like I couldn't sleep
 And when I woke up, looked up to see
 Workin so hard trying to live my dreams
 Martin Luther King said he had a dream...*

The Hip Hop Mass had its inception at Trinity Church Morrisana, Bronx, N.Y., two years ago. What started as a series of Friday night celebrations in the streets of the South Bronx has grown to major proportions: the General Convention, the Episcopal Youth Event, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference Convention, Texas Southern University. It's been held at such well-known Episcopal edifices as the Cathedral of St. John the Divine; Trinity, Wall Street; St. Martin's, Houston; St. Paul's, Richmond; Trinity Cathedral, Trenton, N.J. In prisons, at conferences, at a provincial synod.

The driving force behind the Hip Hop Mass is the Rev. Timothy Holder, rector of the Bronx parish. A gregarious fellow known by the hip hoppers as "Poppa T," he created the Hip Hop Mass as an outreach to children and young people of the South Bronx, the area where

hip hop originated.

There are, of course, some things in the *Hip Hop Prayer Book* that you won't find in the pew edition of the 1979 prayer book. For example, there's an altar call. And after an *Amen!* we find *WORD!* used as an exclamation.

There are some wonderful expressions which probably would take some getting used to. For instance, at the Peace, we find:

Presider: *Yes, Yes, Y'all*

The peace of God is with You!

The response:

Yes, Yes, Y'all

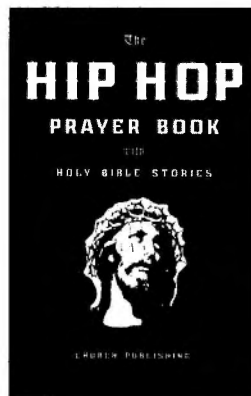
Yes, Yes, Y'all

The peace of God is with You

And at the confession, the presider offers the absolution:

*It's cool! God forgives you!
 It's a done deal!*

And at the dismissal:
*Now send us forth into
 the Hood...*



Parts of the book stretch things a bit, especially for anyone as out of touch as I am. For instance, from the Eucharist:

He gave it to His homies and said...

This is My Blood given for you and All Peeps.

From Psalm 15:

*Lord I wonder who you run with? Ride with?
 Be with?*

*I decided you abide with a V.I.P. list
 Those who creep quick and steady
 on the tight rope*

Pessimist are messy they readily back bite folk...

All of this, I understand, would be more effective accompanied by a backbeat — perhaps the kind you hear in the car that rolls alongside yours at an intersection with rappers blaring at a decibel level that causes you to hit the "close window" button.

I do not understand the hip hop culture, yet there is something appealing about what I read in *The Hip Hop Prayer Book*. I can envision young people being drawn to Christ through the experience of a hip hop liturgy. I can visualize the excitement of several hundred people participating in a liturgy in the street. And I have to smile when I picture Bishop Catherine Roskam and some of the others who are thanked in the book for presiding at Hip Hop Masses, break dancing or taking part in an offertory hip. Bless them for their willingness to participate, and bless "Poppa T" for this creative, important book.

David Kalvelage, executive editor

Did You Know...

The Rt. Rev. Alan Scarfe, Bishop of Iowa, wearing cope and miter, took part in a live chess match at Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa.

Quote of the Week

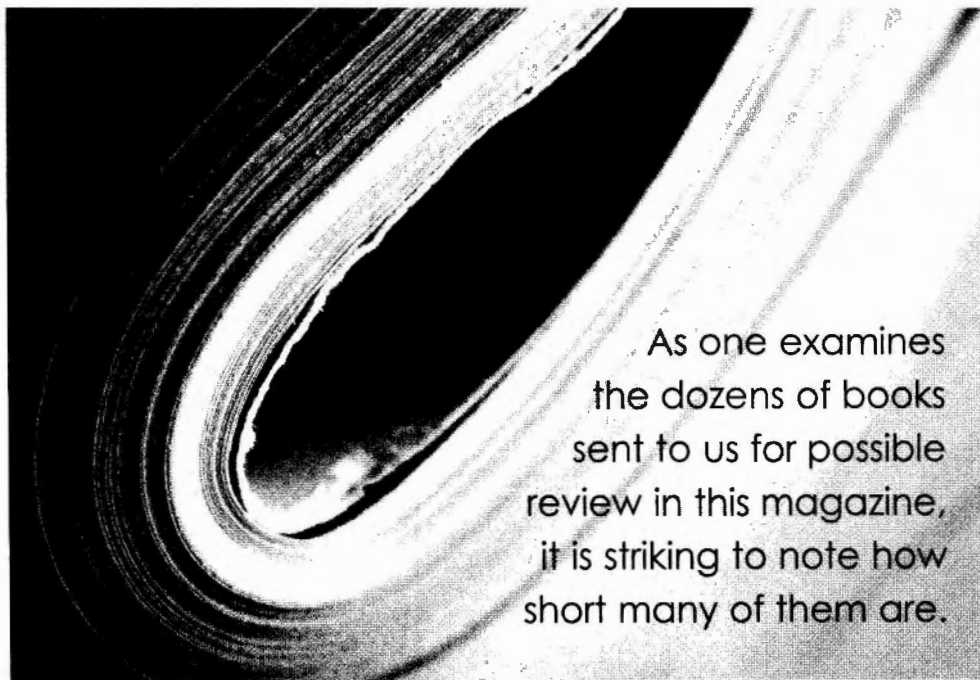
The Rt. Rev. Michael Creighton, Bishop of Central Pennsylvania, on being a bishop:
"It is ... like God grabbing you and immersing you into the journey of others."

Reading for Spiritual Growth

As is usually the case, there are plenty of books being published these days in the religious field. While examining the dozens of books sent to us for possible review in this magazine, it is striking to note how short many of them are. Many of the books could be described as falling into the “spirituality” category — a designation that has been more popular in recent years as people seem to be searching for an experience of God.

For the most part, these are positive developments. Having a large number of books from which to choose ought to mean that it will be easier for a reader to find what he or she is looking for. Having a large number of books that present various aspects of spirituality probably is good as well, for it should help people increase their own spiritual lives. And because the books seem shorter, we should find that it takes less time to read them — a distinct advantage in these days of heavily scheduled Christians.

This Fall Book Issue emphasizes some of the variety of books currently available. Reviews of recently published works and advertisements from publishers may be helpful in determining whether to read a particular book. This is usually a good time of year to get in the habit of reading quality books. The days are shorter, the weather is cooler, and many of us will be spending more time indoors. There are plenty of good books written by Episcopalians about their church or Anglicanism in general. People who are serious about their church ought to spend some time learning more about their faith. Books are a great way to do that.



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Episcopal Schools Thriving

Some churches will recognize the ministry of the National Association of Episcopal Schools (NAES) on Sunday, Oct. 1 as the organization observes its annual Episcopal Schools Celebration. In some places, the celebration will take place on one of the following weekdays. NAES has become one of the most positive ministries in The Episcopal Church, reflecting growth and positive development. Enrollment at its member schools has increased nearly 30 percent in recent years, and the organization has been an advocate and resource for more than 1,000 school and early childhood education centers.

The theme of this year's Episcopal Schools' Celebration is “Variety of Gifts, but the Same Spirit,” an appropriate theme for NAES' governing board is involved in an important task of assessing the gifts of potential executive directors. The Rev. Peter G. Cheney has announced his intention to resign next year, so the search process has begun.

Episcopal schools continue to be effective in providing quality education for thousands of young people. Those schools, and their membership organization, NAES, deserve our thanks.

Salvation Through Christ Alone:

QUEST

VIEWPOINT

By Robert G. Certain

On the final day for deputies to submit legislation for consideration at the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, a resolution titled "Salvation Through Christ Alone" (D058) was entered. The Dispatch of Business Committee chose to refer it to the Cognate Committee on Evangelism for consideration.

When it came to us as the final piece of legislation we would consider, I was concerned about the public perception of any debate on the resolution. No matter what we did with it, a bad headline would result. Introduced late into the convention, the debate would be limited to about 15-20 minutes. Since our procedure is to alternate between those for and those against, it would appear to people unfamiliar with our procedures that the debate indicated a major division in the church. That parliamentary situation would give an erroneous picture to an outside observer.

I moved to request the house to discharge us from considering the resolution because it had already been dealt with at previous General Conventions. That motion was passed by a large majority of the committee, and I expected it to go to the consent calendar where debate is not allowed. However, it appeared on the debate calendar instead.

When it came to the floor of the house, the debate, which consisted of four speakers before the question

was moved, was on the motion to "discharge from further consideration." It was never on the subject matter itself. Any interpretation of the action of the committee or the House of Deputies to the contrary is erroneous and misleading. The house agreed with the committee to discharge the resolution because it had already been dealt with at previous conventions.

When I rose to explain the committee's action, here is what I said in response to each Resolved:

No matter what we did with it, a bad headline would result.

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention of the Episcopal Church declares its unchanging commitment to Jesus Christ as the Son of God, the only name by which any person may be saved (Article XVIII);

First, this is an inappropriate subject for legislation. It is part of the historic doctrine of the Church, and such cannot be changed except in Ecumenical Council, the last of which was held in the 10th century.

It was acted upon by previous General Conventions in each edition of the Book of Common Prayer (and by the English Church since 1549). In the prayer book we have all of the 39 Articles of Faith (save one dealing with the English monarchy); we have the Apostles and Nicene Creeds; we have the baptismal covenant; and we have the statement signed by all ordinands that we "do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and to contain all things necessary to salvation."

And be it further Resolved, That we acknowledge the

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solemn responsibility placed upon us to share Christ with all persons when we hear His words, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6);

This, too, is covered in the baptismal covenant, as well as in the welcome of the newly baptized: "We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood."

These words are affirmed at every baptism and every renewal of baptismal promises.

And be it further Resolved, That we affirm that in Christ there is both the substitutionary essence of the Cross and the manifestation of God's unlimited and unending love for all persons;

First, I don't have any idea what "substitutionary essence of the Cross" refers to.

"Substitutionary Atonement" is one interpretation of the doctrine of the Atonement, but not the only one. This Resolved should go to the House of Bishops' Committee on Theology, not the Cognate Committee on Evangelism.

Regardless of the theological meaning of the words, the structure of the English sentence is very strange, since it suggests that the cross alone accomplishes the Atonement and must logically be a person of the Trinity. In fact, Jesus is the One who accomplishes the Atonement on the cross. He, not the cross, is the sacrifice. Jesus is God, not the cross on which he was crucified.

I think this particular Resolved is both bad English and bad theology.

And be it further Resolved, That we renew our dedication to be faithful witnesses to all persons of the saving love of God perfectly and uniquely revealed in Jesus and upheld by the full testimony of Scripture.

This final Resolved is covered in nearly every liturgy contained in the Book of Common Prayer.

I ended by stating my embarrassment that anyone would introduce a debate on the substance of this resolution on the floor of the House of Deputies. The commitment to Jesus as Lord is not debatable, it is the foundation (and first creed) of the Church since New Testament times. The house should discharge the Committee on Evangelism (and itself) from further consideration of this resolution because it has already been dealt with at previous General Conventions. Jesus is, and always has been, Lord. □

The Rev. Robert G. Certain is a General Convention deputy from the Diocese of San Diego and a member of the Cognate Committee on Evangelism.

The Reader's Viewpoint article does not necessarily represent the editorial opinion of THE LIVING CHURCH or its board of directors.

I write this with a heavy heart. I have enjoyed THE LIVING CHURCH for many years, but recently it has become apparent that TLC has forsaken its mission to "build up the church."

I write not to complain but to exhort. At this time in the life of the church, TLC's mission is vital. Yet the execution of that mission seems to be held hostage by its editorial propensity of late to publish the fear-mongering despair of those who contend that the church is doomed, going to hell, lost its soul.

How can you build up the church when you give so much time and energy to those who don't believe in the sanctity and efficacy of what the church is doing and who the church is electing? Why do you feel so compelled to print every word and action of those bishops and lay people who have chosen not to break bread with the rest of us, chosen not to commune with the rest of us, chosen not to find the risen Christ in the rest of us?

Build up the church by interviewing, publishing, seeking the many stories of those who love the church, delight in what the church is doing, have great faith that the church is the body of Christ. It remains so because God wills it, not because we will it by our actions, ethics or theology.

Help us build up the church by not giving any more time to those who think the church has failed and are filled with misery and condemnation. Be good stewards of your mission and build up the church with stories of grace, beauty and goodness that abound in the many vibrant parishes across the country. After all, we are the beloved body of our Savior Jesus Christ.

*(The Rev.) Benno D. Pattison
Church of the Epiphany
Atlanta, Ga.*

Statement Consistent

I noted with concern the editorial, "Strange Timing in Arkansas" [TLC, Aug. 13], and I read with appreciation Bishop Maze's response [TLC, Sept. 10]. The bishop is my immediate successor in office, and I have the utmost admiration for his steadfast and forthright action in the matter of same-sex blessings, as in other issues he has faced in his episcopate.

It is important to note that while the Windsor Report calls "for a moratorium on all such public blessings," in the very same paragraph (#144) it recognized the action of the 74th General Convention making "provision for the development of public rites." In responding to the Windsor Report, the 75th convention took no action to change its previous stance. Bishop Maze's statement is consistent with that action. Furthermore, it is one

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of respect for the dignity of all human beings, regardless of their sexual orientation.

As Bishop of Arkansas (1980-93), I was always grateful for the care and concern with which the members of the diocese struggled with issues such as human sexuality. In his letter, Bishop Maze rightly notes "the years of exploration that have already taken place" regarding this issue.

"Strange Timing," the headline states. The question is not in timing but in doing the right thing, and I am proud of my successor's action in this matter of justice and pastoral concern.

*(The Rt. Rev.) Herbert A. Donovan, Jr.
Bishop of Arkansas, retired
Dobbs Ferry, N.Y.*

Doctrine Flouted


David Kalvelage's column, "What Faith Was Delivered?" [TLC, Sept. 3] enjoins us to: "not forget that when judges in the Righter case issued their findings following a hearing, they said The Episcopal Church has no core doctrine [regarding human sexuality]. That certainly weakens the traditionalists' argument."

The Righter case was deeply flawed from its beginning. At least two, perhaps three, of the bishops who sat as judges had previously done the very thing Walter Righter was accused of: ordain a non-celibate homosexual person as a deacon or priest of this church. That they should have recused themselves is blatantly obvious. That they did not do so is both disingenuous and tragic. The Lambeth Conference of 1998 demonstrated that the bishops of the rest of the Anglican Communion are overwhelmingly convinced we have "core doctrine" regarding human sexuality. The Episcopal Church has flouted that doctrine at enormous cost.

*(The Rt. Rev.) John W. Howe
Bishop of Central Florida
Orlando, Fla.*

The Editor's Column, "What Faith Was Delivered?" cites Jude 3 ["... contend for the faith which was once delivered to the saints"] as being invoked by the "more conservative or traditionalist" folk who are "trying to call The

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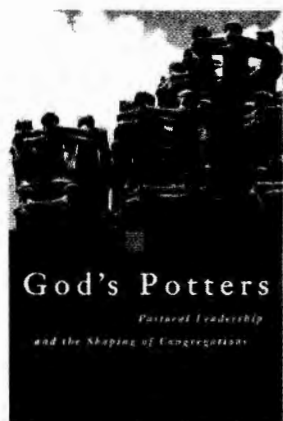
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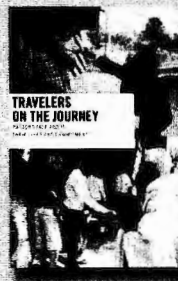


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Episcopal Church back to its Anglican heritage." [Indeed. He got that one right.]

Then our editor writes that the traditionalists "... imply that those who hold the power in the church these days are teaching a faith, a doctrine, which means something other than what was received from 'the saints.'" [How perceptive. But imply? What would it take to persuade our editor they are saying it directly?] He then writes, "OK, but let's not forget that when judges in the Righter case issued their findings following a hearing, they said The Episcopal Church has no core doctrine." [Those result-oriented judges surely did say that ... in their view that has been the truth for years.]

But then our editor concludes, "That certainly weakens the traditionalist's argument." Huh? What?

How does today's doctrine-less-ness in The Episcopal Church "weaken" the traditionalists' argument that The Episcopal Church is teaching "a faith, a doctrine, that is something other than what was received from the saints?" The author of Jude pre-dated The Episcopal Church by a considerable margin. Seems to me the "truth" in today's judges' eyes drives the traditionalists' argument from Jude straight into the teeth of The Episcopal Church.

C'mon, Mr. Editor, please tell us you were only funnin' with us. Right? You just wanted to see if we were paying attention, weren't you? Else you seem to have tripped over a very large and distantly obvious non sequitur.

Doug Irish
Paradise Valley, Ariz.

No Longer Innovation

I was happy to see that the third Technology Issue [TLC, Aug. 20] was a vast improvement over the first (the cover depicted a man throwing a computer in frustration) and the second (the almost anti-technology issue, in which readers were encouraged to "unplug") in terms of actually depicting the usefulness of communications technology for spreading the gospel and for church growth. I was further encouraged to see an article written by Richard Marumana.

I was disappointed, however, with David Kalvelage's cheerful curmudgeonly diatribe against the use of e-mail. Yes, we all get far more spam than we would like, and for the moment spam is an unfortunate part of life. Please remember that e-mail is no longer by any stretch an innovation. I was not an early adopter of internet use, and yet my future spouse and I were trading e-mail 17 years ago. I can happily report that we still express our love for each other electronically on a daily basis.

I realize, and hold as one of our greatest strengths, that Episcopalians exist in the dynamic tension between the best traditions of the past and the reality of the present. His attitude (i.e., belittling a generation-old communication tool) is symptomatic of the church's unhealthy inclination to forget that the present continues to move forward. Surely an organization calling itself the "living" church should not so readily and repeatedly disparage the reality of the modern era.

I respectfully suggest that if Mr. Kalvelage cannot muster an encouraging column for the same issue next year, he should hand over the editorial space to someone who can.

Christopher Robinson
San Antonio, Texas

Fulfillment of Faith

I just returned from East Africa and picked up the Retirement Issue [TLC, July 30].

Some years ago Anna and I motored down the East Coast from Virginia to Florida and marveled, one after the other, at the upscale retirement communities. People buying expensive lots by the sea, building expensive houses to spend the last 20 years of their lives playing golf and bridge. What a waste — and many of these people are Episcopalians.

They have the skills and assets, and the time to make a difference in the poor and developing communities of the third world, both at home and abroad. Our global Anglican Communion offers immediate and effective connection with opportunities for

service, both short and long term.

The church needs to describe, encourage and challenge our retired people by the call of Christ to contemporary global Christian mission. Not just for the benefit of our needy brothers and sisters near and far, but for the blessing of our own souls. To pour oneself out for others in the name of Christ is the fulfillment of faith. It is joy unspeakable.

*(The Rt. Rev.) Alden Hathaway
Bishop of Pittsburgh, retired
Tallahassee, Fla.*

Provocative Call

Regarding Canon Carey's caution against idolatry [TLC, Sept. 3], I thought Bishop Jefferts Schori's most provocative use of imagery was in her statement "if we are going to become the blessed ones God called us to be while we were still in our mothers' wombs ...". With the exception of Advent, I cannot recall when a bishop who represents the institutional church has appropriated human form to the unborn, with a relationship to God, and to have done so before the worldwide press.

But how are we to respond to the bishop's call, given the church's long record of public advocacy for abortion-on-demand, morphed into "a woman's right to choose," and so recently reaffirmed when efforts to undo the church's affiliation with the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice failed at General Convention? The coalition is an independent organization which claims "a proud history as a voice of conscience" in affirming women as the ultimate moral agents in choosing whether or not to give birth, and it has received United Nations' accreditation.

Sentiments such as Bishop Jefferts Schori's have been shared by many of us, and — as we have been frequently reminded — she is entitled to her personal views. But the church which she will represent to the world no longer honors them, and unless the picture changes before her installation, she'll be just another ordinary idolater like the rest of us.

*Cynthia Grantz
Rockford, Ill.*

His Own Bishop

I enjoyed reading Fr. Ford's article [TLC, Aug. 27]. I've met clergy like the ones he described, including one who claimed ordination through the Judaic Rite, Utrecht Succession, the Old Catholic Church. He had been ordained for "public service" by a Liberal Catholic bishop, became a monsignor at 25 years of age, and elected bishop of his group at age 29 by his wife, mother and mother-in-law, who were the extent of his church. He had no credentials but he was, nevertheless, his own bishop.

Smiling, I then turned the page to learn that the bishop-elect of Manawa o Te Wheke (where?) was a bus mechanic for 35 years before becoming a bishop-elect. I wondered if it had been with a mainline bus company such as Greyhound, Trailways, or Gray Line, or if he'd merely been with a local puddle-jumping bus line with only one nine-passenger bus, and now owned the bus.

*(The Rev.) Robert Pledest
San Antonio, Texas*

The Wrong Questions

To a theologically untrained person like me, it seems as if Anglicanism is asking the wrong questions to the wrong body.

The question is not whether or not we should have bishops who are non-celibate homosexual persons, but rather, is sodomy a major (mortal) sin? If it is (and the Bible and tradition seem to agree on this), then it is bad for lay people and priests, too, and all practitioners should be excommunicated. It never should have come to the point of having to consider a non-celibate homosexual person in an episcopal election.

Similarly, the debate over whether or not to have female bishops in England is bypassing the major question: Are women capable of receiving holy orders? The Bible is unclear (except by example), tradition says "no," and reason probably says "yes."

But such questions are not within the competence of Anglicanism (much less

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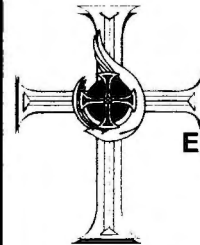


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the tiny Episcopal Church or the Church of England) to decide. Christian consensus is definitive (after all, it did give us the New Testament), but it must be the consensus of the bulk of Christianity, not just of a small fragment thereof. It used to be that we Anglicans prided ourselves in "having no (peculiar) Faith of our own," but this no longer seems to be the case.

*Wallace Spaulding
McLean, Va.*

If Inhibited ...

Not having studied canon law, I am puzzled by a portion of one of the editor's answers in his column, "San Joaquin's Case Examined" [TLC, Aug. 13], regarding "...no baptisms, no celebration of the Eucharist..."

Obviously, this would apply to a bishop so inhibited, but what about the clergy who derive their authority from the bishop? Would the bishop be the only one who could not baptize or cele-

brate the Eucharist? Would mission vicars also not be able to do so?

Or would all clergy of the diocese be affected, resulting in the whole diocese being in effect temporarily cut off from the Eucharist during such a period?

*Laura Rico
Los Banos, Calif.*

"Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord"?

'Must' Reading

An article reports that the Bishop of Texas wishes to discuss with others in the episcopate the Windsor Report [TLC, Aug. 27], but he says that in order to attend bishops must agree with four conditions.

A couple of pages farther back we

read that another bishop is telling the Archbishop of Canterbury what he must do in a similar situation.

Must! A key word in certain Christian denominations, but not, I had thought, in The Episcopal Church. What happened to Isaiah's "Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord"?

*(The Rev.) Alexander Seabrook
Lockport, Ill.*

Still Looking

In his Guest Column [TLC, Aug. 27], Robert Hancock states that the church is being led "on a strategic path to reject biblical teaching..." in referring to the acceptance of homosexuality by The Episcopal Church. So, not being a biblical scholar (perhaps Mr. Hancock is), I would like to know where in the Bible does Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, say that homosexuality is a sin? I can't seem to find it.

*(Canon) David Link
Sacramento, Calif.*



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He Understands

On a recent Sunday an incident happened at communion that I want to share with readers. As priest, I was moving along the altar rail, distributing the bread, which this Sunday was thin, cracker-like wafers. As I reached one very young toddler whose hand was held out to receive, I placed the wafer in his hand and said, "The Body of Christ." The boy then held out his other hand in which he was holding a cracker he had been nibbling on, and placing the cracker in my hand said back to me, "The Body of Christ." I took a small bite of the boy's cracker and handed it back to him. He looked at me with a delighted smile.

Later, the boy's mother told me he was just over a year old, and she hadn't yet heard him talk. In other words, if these weren't the boy's first words, it was at least his first sentence.

I think this is more than a cute story. I have heard parents say they want their children "to understand" before receiving communion, as if any of us could understand truly the great mystery of this sacrament. We understand at different levels and hopefully grow to new levels of understanding. Yes, the boy was mostly mimicking what he saw, but I think he has a level of understanding that far exceeds his age. He understands that communion is about sharing: Jesus sharing with us and we sharing with each other. He understands that at communion we are all equal. He also understands that he is welcome, both in the faith community and to the altar, just as he is, with only the knowledge and the gifts he has. Yes, I think for a 1-year-old child he has tremendous understanding of communion.

*(The Rev.) Robert Harvey
Silver Spring, Md.*

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The Rev. **Denis Ford**, as rector of Grace, Ottawa, KS.

Deaths

The Rev. **Fred G. Minuth**, 84, priest of the Diocese of Hawaii, died June 23 in Kailua, HI, where he resided.

A native of Chicago, Fr. Minuth was edu-

cated at Colorado College. He was ordained in 1961 to the diaconate and the priesthood. He was associate at Church of the Holy Nativity, Honolulu, 1963-65; vicar of St. Timothy's, Aiea, HI, 1965-67, and rector there, 1967-69; priest-in-charge of St. Paul's, Honolulu, 1983-84, and rector of St. Matthew's, Waimanalo, HI, 1984-87. Surviving are his wife, Nancy; two sons, Reed and Eric; a daughter, Darsey Gibson; and five grandchildren.

The Rev. **Robert R. Gilson**, 98, a priest for more than 70 years, died July 10 in Pickersgill Retirement Community, Towson, MD, of heart and lung failure.

A native of Concord, MA, Fr. Gilson was ordained deacon in 1935 and priest in 1936, and served as rector of St. Paul's by-the-Sea, Ocean City, MD, 1935-37; rector of St. Luke's, Seford, DE, 1937-40; curate of Christ Church, Greenwich, CT, 1944-46; and rector of St. Mary Anne's, North East, MD, 1946-53. Fr. Gilson is survived by his wife, Muriel, and two children.

The Rev. **Robert M. Olton**, rector of All Saints' Church, Richmond, VA, for 20 years, died July 5 in Charlottesville, VA, where he lived. He was 97.

Born in Greene, NY, he was a graduate of Haverford College, the University of Virginia, and Virginia Theological Seminary. He was ordained deacon and priest in 1933, then served as vicar of Advent, Bloomfield, NJ, 1933-35; rector of St. Peter's, Mountain Lakes, NJ, 1935-40; rector of St. John's, Dover, NJ, 1935-42; and rector of All Saints', Richmond, 1946-65. Fr. Olton and his wife, Katherine, were the parents of seven children.

The Rev. **John Robert Pettigrew**, 90, retired priest of the Diocese of Virginia, died June 6 at his home in Orlando, FL.

A native of Paterson, NJ, he graduated from New York University and Virginia Theological Seminary. In 1972 he was ordained deacon and in 1973 he became a priest in the Diocese of Florida. Fr. Pettigrew was assistant at Redeemer, Jacksonville, FL, 1975-78, then he was involved in interim ministry in Florida and Virginia. He also assisted at Holy Comforter, Vienna, VA. He is survived by three children.

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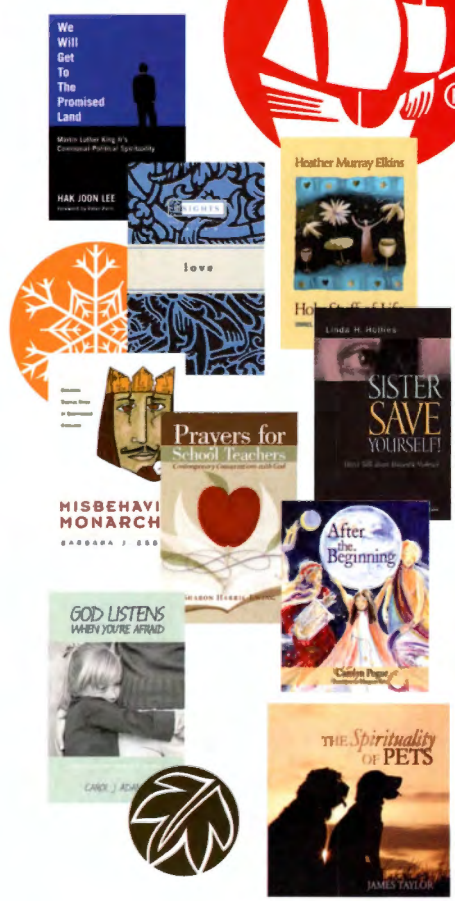
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