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Worshipers at The Falls Church, Falls Church, Va., after services Nov. 19, the first Sunday since the church's vestry recommended that the congregation disaffiliate from The Episcopal Church [p.5].

Jonathan Crocker photo

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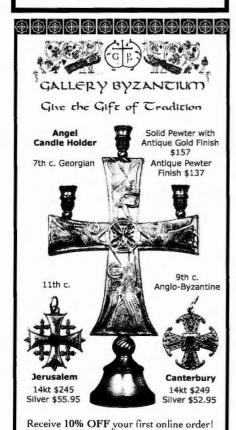
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SUNDAY'S **READINGS**

Invincible Hope

'Put on forever the beauty of the glory from God' (Baruch 5:1)

The Second Sunday of Advent (Year C), Dec. 10, 2006

BCP: Bar. 5:1-9; Psalm 126; Phil. 1:1-11; Luke 3:1-6

RCL: Bar. 5:1-9 or Mal. 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79; Phil. 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

Today's lessons build beautifully upon those of last week. The theme for the First Sunday of Advent was "Great Hope in the Day of Fear." The lessons presented an image of the earth convulsed with fear and foreboding and catastrophic shifting of well-known and familiar ground, in the context of which was encouragement for the faithful.

Moving on to the theme of today's lessons, we notice only the barest of references to tribulation as we find ourselves immersed in descriptions of splendor, beauty, deliverance from evil. restoration of immeasurable loss, and reversal of incalculable grief. Where last week's lessons demonstrated even the cosmos itself showing evidence of coming judgment, in two of our lessons this week, the earth cooperates in the deliverance of God's people.

Both Baruch and Luke present the well-known image of the mountains and hills being made low and the valleys lifted up, to make the homecoming of the people of God easy and pleasant. Even the trees give shade. All this is at the command of God.

Baruch was scribe to Jeremiah, who prophesied in the time of immense suffering and heinous national sin that took place in an age of smug rebellion against God, and which culminated in the destruction of Jerusalem, Jeremiah's heart breaking ministry led eventually to the lamentations over the ruin of the city of God by her enemies. And yet it is Baruch. who presumably Jeremiah's companion in that appalling time, whose name is on the exultant prophecy in today's first lesson.

Even the lesson from Philippians matches today's theme, if we recall that it was in that city that Paul and Silas were beaten with rods and thrust into prison. In that setting they converted the jailer as the finale to a successful time of preaching the gospel. The Philippian Christians were dear to Paul's heart, as today's selection shows.

The introduction of John the Baptist's ministry in Luke is likewise rich with exultation. The call to repentance is manifestly not a wallowing in recrimination and recounting of past evil and sin, but the conferring of a longpromised and long-awaited deliverance. John's manifestation is firmly dated with the recitation of the names of seven leaders of both Roman and Judean influence. During a time of political upheaval and oppression, John was being prepared "in the wilderness" until the hour of his vocation came. For three decades within the tense Roman occupation of Judah he unrecognized as the one who would fulfill the prophecy of Isaiah.

Look It Up

How does today's psalm match the theme of today's readings?

Think About It

Do times of great tribulation — personal, ecclesial, national, or worldwide invariably lead to great blessing?

Next Sunday

The Third Sunday of Advent (Year C), Dec. 17, 2006

BCP: Zeph. 3:14-20; Psalm 85 or 85:7-13 or Isa. 12:2-6; Phil. 4:4-7(8-9); Luke 3:7-18

RCL: Zeph. 3:14-20; Isa. 12:2-6; Phil. 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18

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Falls Church, Truro Vestries Vote for Disaffiliation

The vestries of two historic Virginia churches, Truro Parish, Fairfax, and The Falls Church, Falls Church, announced Nov. 12 and 13 to their congregations that they had voted to recommend disaffiliation from The Episcopal Church.

In both cases the vestries also recommended affiliating with the newly formed Anglican District of Virginia in the Convocation for Anglicans in North America (CANA), a mission of the Church of Nigeria. In July, the Rt. Rev. Martyn Minns, who has been Truro's rector since 1991, was consecrated missionary bishop for CANA.

In late October, both parishes completed a 40-day discernment period in which members engaged in study and reflection "to seek the Lord's will for their place within the Anglican Communion, as well as their expressed relationship with The Episcopal Church in the United States," according to a website developed jointly by the congregations. Both congregations were to vote on their vestries' recommendations.

In a joint press release, Jim Oakes, senior warden at Truro, described the



The Rev. Patrick Ware, deacon at The Falls Church. greets members of the congregation as they leave the church Nov. 19.

Jonathan Crocker photo

vestry meeting at his church as "prayerful and somber. We shared prayers and tears as we voted to recommend to the Truro parish this course of action."

Tom Wilson, senior warden at The Falls Church, said the vestry there reached the decision because "we have witnessed firsthand how the Episcopal Church has separated itself from the historic Christian faith of the Anglican Communion over the last few decades. We are at a historic crossroads."

"We are very, very sad that the vestries are going to recommend to the congregations that they sever ties to The Episcopal Church," wrote Virginia Bishop Peter Lee in a press release issued in response to the announcements, Col. Jean Reed, president of the diocesan standing committee, said the committee "intends to meet with those churches proposing to separate from The Episcopal Church and review their situations on a case-by-case basis."

With a combined membership of more than 5,200 and average Sunday attendance of 3,200, Truro and Falls Church are among the largest and wealthiest congregations in The Episcopal Church. In 2005 the combined reported pledge and plate income for the parishes was in excess of \$7 million. Both congregations also predate the Revolutionary War, with Truro Parish being established in 1732 and The Falls Church's first building completed in 1734.

Virginia Bishop Candidates Announced

The Diocese of Virginia has announced a slate of five candidates for the Jan. 27 election of a bishop coadjutor.

The candidates are: the Rev. Robert S. Dannals, rector of Christ Church, Greenville, S.C.; the Rev. Canon Gay Clark Jennings, associate director of the CREDO Institute, an organization providing educational and professional support for clergy; the Very Rev. Shannon Sherwood Johnston, rector of All Saints', Tupelo, Miss.; the Rev. Canon Irwin Morgan Lewis, Jr., canon to the ordinary for the Diocese of Southern Virginia; and the Very Rev. Caroline Smith Parkinson, rector of Grace, The Plains, Va.

Fr. Dannals is also on the slate of

nominees to succeed Southwest Florida Bishop John Lipscomb. Canon Lewis was a nominee earlier this year to succeed Northern California bishop Jerry Lamb. He withdrew from the race about two months before the election, writing to the standing committee there that he could not uproot his 15year-old daughter. The period for nominations by petition closed Dec. 1.

Assuming sufficient consents, the new bishop will be consecrated May 26 at Washington National Cathedral. Virginia Bishop Peter Lee has not announced the date of his resignation, but under the canons of the General Convention, Bishop Lee must step down no later than three years after the consecration of a coadjutor.

Bishops' Task Force Identifies 'Problem' Dioceses

The House of Bishops' Task Force on Property Disputes has identified seven "problem dioceses" and will maintain contact persons within those dioceses who wish to "remain loyal to The Episcopal Church," according to a report presented to The Episcopal Church's Executive Council. The Rt. Rev. Stacy Sauls, Bishop of Lexington and the acting chair of the task force, presented the written report to the council on Nov. 15.

The seven dioceses that were designated as merit[ing] special observation" are Dallas, Fort Worth, Pittsburgh, Quincy, Rio Grande, San Joaquin, and Springfield.

Despite the fact that both Central

Florida and South Carolina have appealed for alternative oversight, Bishop Sauls said neither diocese is under scrutiny.

"Appeals for alternative primatial oversight are not, in and of themselves, a problematic action," Bishop Sauls said, "It doesn't rise to the same level. We see no evi-

dence that the leadership in either diocese is attempting to change its name or take property held in trust for the national church."

The task force has not solicited loyalist members from the dioceses, according to Bishop Sauls.



Bishop Sauls

"People have gotten in touch with us," he said. "We haven't asked anyone. We have asked them to keep us informed about developments on the ground."

The task force began its work in fall 2005. To date the committee has developed a bank of court filings and research memoranda to aid

dioceses with litigation, and identified potential expert witnesses. It also introduced General Convention Resolution B032 stating that none of the Windsor Report-related responses established or contemplated by various dioceses "is intended to affect either the historic separate and independent status of the churches of the Anglican Communion or the legal identity of The Episcopal Church."

The report said the task force is now developing a position paper "setting forth possible common grounds which could be sought so that the split in The Episcopal Church which is feared by the task force might be avoided." It also is preparing filings to be used "in certain very limited situations" to institute presentments or lawsuits against any "entity which has affirmatively undertaken conduct to separate from The Episcopal Church."

Bishop Sauls said that the task force is concerned with more than just property disputes.

"The name is a tad misleading," he said. "We are also interested in polity. We are not involved in the doctrinal dispute. We are of different opinions on certain issues, but we support the polity of The Episcopal Church.

"The task force would like to see The Episcopal Church be a place where people of many theological positions feel safe," he continued. "We feel the polity we have is the best way to ensure that. We are also investigating ways we can reassure our ethnic and theological minorities that this church is a safe place for them."

Steve Waring

'Communion Never Stronger'

The Rev. Ian Douglas believes this is an exciting time to be an Anglican.

"I never would have imagined that the hottest ticket at General Convention last summer would be the hearing on the Anglican Communion," said Prof. Douglas, a member of the national Executive Council and professor of world mission at Episcopal Divinity School. "I take that as a positive sign. We are discovering a deeper understanding of communion. God has given us such an opportunity to serve. Of course, the Devil is going to try and pull us apart."

Prof. Douglas spoke during the time the council met in Chicago Nov. 12-15. He is also a member of the Lambeth Design Team, so he was able to tell council members about plans for the 2008 Lambeth Conference of Bishops that were developed at a recent design team meeting in London.

The conference theme is "Equipping Bishops for Mission," and the format will differ in a number of respects from those held over the previous two decades, he said, but it would be naïve to assume that there won't be discussion on human sexu-

ality at multiple levels.

"We are not papering over our differences," he said. "The discussion

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was very positive, hopeful and honest. There was genuine good will for bishops, to try and help equip them.

"Look at where the Anglican Communion has been at its best, helping end apartheid in South Africa, working for debt relief legislation, the Decade of Evangelism, and now holding governments accountable to the U.N. Millennium Development Goals. I think Executive Council definitely shares that excitement."

Steve Waring

Regional Anglican Convocation Proposed

The Episcopal Church's Executive Council has asked Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori and House of Deputies President Bonnie Anderson to appoint a working group to investigate the possibility of setting up an "Anglican regional convocation

of the Americas."

Meeting in Chicago, the council said that the working group should consult with the Anglican Church of Canada, the Anglican Council of Latin America (CALA), and



Mrs. Anderson

the Province of the West Indies to explore the convocation concept. The purpose of the group would be to equip member churches for "mutuality and interdependence in God's mission," the council said.

Mrs. Anderson said the idea for a convocation came up spontaneously shortly before the Nov. 12 start of the council's meeting. When she proposed it Nov. 10 to the Anglican Church of Canada's Council of General Synod - the Canadian counterpart to executive council — she received such a favorable response sought executive council approval. Resolution INC-005 was approved in plenary with no debate, but was discussed extensively in the international concerns committee where it was prepared.

The idea is similar to one proposed last year by the Most Rev. Drexel Gomez, Primate of the Church in the Province of the West Indies. The Council of Anglican Provinces of the Americas and Caribbean (CAPAC) includes leaders from a number of Anglican provinces which have been critical of many actions taken by The Episcopal Church.

"The more we can do together the more we can accomplish," Mrs. Anderson told The LIVING CHURCH. "I was not aware about CAPAC at the time and my idea was not a reaction to theirs in any way whatsoever."

Executive Council also received a report from the Rev. Dr. Ian Douglas about his work on the group designing the 2008 Lambeth Conference. Dr. Douglas said that the 2008 Lambeth Conference will be much different from those held in 1988 and 1998. Those meetings featured four issuesrelated groups that developed resolutions for the body to consider.

In 2008, the conference will begin with bishops meeting in groups of five for a two- to three-day retreat in which they will "encounter God's word and ... encounter one another through the sharing of stories and through sharing of God's story." The small groups will continue to meet after the retreat and will only eventually combine in larger groups for discussions of issues, Dr. Douglas said. He said bishops will also receive "very practical and hands-on opportunities" for learning about a range of mission and ministry issues.

Episcopal News Service contributed to this report.

College Preparatory School for Sale

All Saints' Episcopal School in Vicksburg, Miss., has retained two real estate companies to sell the school's property and contents. The college preparatory school, founded in 1908, did not accept students for this school year.

The Jackson (Miss.) Clarion Ledger cited a written statement from Ken Mann, a partner with Pasadena, Md.-

based Equity Partners, Inc., which described the campus as being "ideally suited to house a boarding school, or a satellite location of a university, but would be equally fitting for other uses such as a conference center or camp facility." Mozingo Real Estate and Auctions of Gulfport, Miss., is also contracting with the school, according to the published report.

ETSS Names New Dean

The Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest (ETSS) has named the Rev. Douglas Travis its new dean and president. He will join ETSS in January and assume full duties as the seminary's seventh dean on June 1.

Fr. Travis served as dean of the Anglican School of Theology in Dallas from 1987 to 1991. In addi-



Fr. Travis

tion to directing the school and teaching, he was canon theologian at St. Matthew's Cathedral, Dallas, for two years. He spent nine years as rector of St. James', Dallas, before being called to the Diocese of

Texas. He previously served as a fellow and lecturer at the Center for Christian Spirituality at the General Theological Seminary in New York City. He currently is rector of Trinity, The Woodlands, Texas, where he has served since 2001.

Parish Experience

The Rt. Rev. Don Wimberly, Bishop of Texas and chair of the seminary trustees, said Fr. Travis "brings the skills and experience of both a parish priest and the administrator of a theological school. Both of these endeavors have been undergirded by his serious theological study."

The dean-elect has earned degrees from Trinity University, McCormick Theological Seminary of Chicago, the Divinity School of the University of Chicago, and the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University. General Seminary has awarded him a Master of Sacred Theology degree in Spiritual Direction. Fr. Travis is married and has two grown daughters.

Gulf Coast Dioceses Remain Vulnerable

The dioceses of Louisiana and Mississippi have received significant aid to keep their outreach ministries functioning after Hurricane Katrina ravaged the Gulf Coast in 2005, but the long-term institutional viability of both remains in doubt, according to the Rt. Rev. Duncan M. Gray III, Bishop of Mississippi.

The bishop briefed members of the national Executive Council on the rebuilding effort during a Nov. 12-15 meeting in Chicago.

"So much has been destroyed that we have an occasion in a sense to start from scratch," he said. "There are usually so many barriers and obstacles that prevent [a fresh start]. We are asking for your help to rebuild the Church as an institution."

Bishop Gray has been seeking \$100,000 to fund a Louisiana-based coordinator for a model ministry initiative.

Both dioceses have received significant help from Episcopal Relief and Development to maintain, and in some cases expand, their outreach ministries, Bishop Gray said, but ERD does not make grants to fund

operations. The situation in Louisiana is particularly acute, which is one of the reasons Bishop Gray spoke in favor of the new ministry initiative to support "overall evangelism and the 20/20 goals, while providing a model and a test bed for organization in areas of natural disaster or economic impoverishment," according to the adopted resolution.

"If we don't get help for bricks and mortar, our outreach programs will eventually collapse" along with the church infrastructure, he said. "These areas will eventually be rebuilt. The question is whether we will be able to survive until they recover."

Bishop Gray estimated it will be five to 10 years before the Diocese of Mississippi fully recovers. Both dioceses continue to have difficulty meeting clergy salaries. Some congregations lost between 25 and 75 percent of their members, Bishop Gray said, and members who remain are unable to fund clergy salaries as they struggle to rebuild their own lives. Along with financial donations, Bishop Gray said assistance can be



Bishop Gray addresses the Executive Council.

channeled through companion relationships.

"There is an isolating spiritual component to being caught up in a gale," Bishop Gray said. "The spiritual challenge continues to take a toll and will do so for a while."

Steve Waring

Tennessee Church Votes to Withdraw and Seek Oversight

Most of the members of All Saints' Church, Smyrna, have voted to leave the Diocese of Tennessee, reforming as St. Patrick's Anglican Church. On Nov. 1, 86.2 percent of the congregation present at a parish meeting voted to leave The Episcopal Church and seek the oversight of a foreign Anglican primate.

In a Nov. 4 letter to the parish, the Rev. Ray Kasch, rector of All Saints', explained that four options were presented to the congregation at the parish meeting. They could remain as they were, an Anglican Communion Network parish in the Diocese of Tennessee; they could ask for Delegated Episcopal Pastoral Oversight (DEPO); they could withdraw from The Episcopal Church; or undergo a 40-day period of discernment.

Fr. Kasch noted that the congregation agreed not to pursue any course of

Los Angeles Bishops Announce Grant for Singles Ministry

The four bishops in the Diocese of Los Angeles have announced a \$50,000 matching grant to Solo Flight: Catch the Vision and Solo Flight Conferences. The grant is for the Solo Flight at Kanuga annual conference for single, divorced and widowed persons to be held in four

additional locations and dates.

The first joint venture conference will be Solo Flight West Coast, with the Rev. Zelda Kennedy, of All Saints' Church, Pasadena, Calif., and Debbie Decker, head of the Diocese of Los Angeles' Solo Journeys, serving as local coordinators.

action unless it met two-thirds approval. After more than 86 percent voted to withdraw, the vestry "closed the books" on the congregation and turned over the parish to the diocese.

He noted the vestry hopes to enter into a negotiated settlement with the diocese for purchase of the parish property.

Fr. Kasich told the *Daily News Journal* the parish's belief that the 75th General Convention's failure to respond to the recommendations of the Windsor Report contributed to the exodus.

"The breaking point for us," however, was the congregation's belief that Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori had denied "Jesus' uniqueness for salvation" in a *Time* magazine interview, he said.

(The Rev.) George Conger

Celebrating 100 Years

Convention delegates and guests in the Diocese of **Atlanta** celebrated the start of the diocese's centennial year with a Eucharist the evening of Nov. 10 at Christ Church, Macon, site of the first diocesan meeting.

Bishop J. Neil Alexander called his diocese to focus on worship and outreach efforts that will grow the church and call people from the margins to the center.

"I believe our Anglican call to the center is crucial these days, not just in the church or in this country, but also around the world," he said in his address to convention. He said Anglicans have a "gift for holding on to one another even in the face of serious disagreements," suggesting this offers a way to healing and reconciliation.

Toward that end, Bishop Alexander challenged the diocese to renew its commitment to achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by taking a leadership role in the efforts to alleviate poverty. He said the effort "is about a great deal more than putting a rather modest amount of money on the table. It is about education. It is about spirituality. It is about faith. It is about discipleship." Delegates passed a resolution supporting the MDGs.

Bishop Alexander also issued a call in his address for the election of a bishop suffragan to assist him, but he rescinded that request the following day after, he said, it became clear that the issue had become "unnecessarily divisive."

Delegates passed a mission and ministry budget of \$4.2 million.

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'Safe Pastoral Space'

Delegates and visitors had an opportunity to visit a new church building in a new location when the convention of the Diocese of **Northern Indiana** met Oct. 28 at St. Andrew's Church, Valparaiso.

The Rt. Rev. Edward S. Little II, Bishop of Northern Indiana, focused

on three areas during his convention address. Looking at the national and international scene, he commended the Windsor Report and its vision of interdependent life in the Anglican Communion. "The Windsor process," he said, "provides us with a gift. It invites us to pause, to stop legislating about human sexuality; it asks us instead to create a safe pastoral space where we can have the conversations that we so desperately need." He urged passage of a resolution fully embracing the Windsor Report and agreeing to live by its teachings - a resolution which, later in the convention, passed by a substantial margin.

The bishop also discussed areas of health and areas of challenge in the diocese. He reported on a successful diocesan camping program; on a renaissance of priestly and diaconal voca-

Four Nominated by Petition in Southwest Florida

Four local priests have been added to the slate of nominees for the Dec. 9 election of a bishop coadjutor in the Diocese of Southwest Florida.

At a Nov. 15 meeting, the committee announced that the four nominees who have completed the petition process include the Rev. John S. Adler, vicar of Iona-Hope Church, Fort Myers; the Rev. Canon Michael P. Durning, the diocese's canon to the ordinary; the Rev. Edward J. Henley, Jr., rector of St. Mark's, Tampa; and the Rev. Sharon L. Lewis, rector of Holy Spirit, Osprey.

Fr. Adler and Ms. Lewis were members of the standing committee, which is in charge of the election process. To avoid a conflict of interest, both have resigned from the committee.

The four join three candidates announced Oct. 31 by the nominating committee: The Rev. Robert S. Dannals, rector of Christ Church, Greenville, S.C.; the Rev. Jacob W. Owensby, rector of Emmanuel, Webster Groves, Mo.; and the Rev. Dabney T. Smith, rector of Trinity, New Orleans.

tions, particularly among young people; and on a series of missionary ventures, from new Hispanic ministry to the sending of mission teams to the devastated Gulf Coast region.

Bishop Little also said that average Sunday attendance in the diocese continues to fall, with a 3-percent decline in 2005. This led to the third element of the bishop's address - a plan for congregational transformation. For the past two years, a "blue ribbon" panel called the Whatever It Takes Task Force has been working to develop a vision for growth and development. The bishop presented the fruits of the task force's work, a fourfold emphasis on Conversion, Evangelism, Local Mission, and Mission Beyond the Local that will provide the framework for diocesan and parochial ministry in the coming years.

Convention also passed a resolution endorsing the Millennium Development Goals and incorporating a .7% line into the diocesan budget to fund them.

Change Can't Wait

The annual convention of the Diocese of **Minnesota**, held Oct. 27-28 in Duluth, came at a time when the diocese is engaged in mission-strategy planning. Work of the Bishop's Commission on Mission Strategy during the past year has revealed sobering statistics both about significant decline in membership and a systemic disability in terms of trusting and working together on the diocesan level.

The Rt. Rev. James Jelinek, Bishop of Minnesota, challenged convention delegates, saying the diocese has lacked "the will to get engaged and do the work of mission and evangelism" because it has been afraid of change.

"With the pace of growth in the state of Minnesota and with the pace of decline for mainline denominations, we cannot afford to wait," Bishop Jelinek said. "I believe that we can change within the four years I shall continue to serve as bishop, so

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that my successor can begin the next 150 years of this diocese when all of you are filled with enthusiasm, buoyed by the Spirit, and heartfully engaged in evangelism and mission." This will be the central part of his work during the last quarter of his episcopate, the bishop said.

In his keynote address to convention, Bishop Steven Charleston, president and dean of Episcopal Divinity School, echoed Bishop Jelinek's assertion that the diocese is at a "moment of transition, a time when you are envisioning the next generation of the diocese ... ready to take a new journey together."

A presentation by the diocesan task force for the Millennium Development Goals, chaired by the Rev. Devon Anderson, officially launched Minnesota's "embrace and support" of the MDGs, thus carrying out a mandate from General Convention.

With little discussion by the 356 delegates, convention passed a budget for 2007 totaling just less than \$2.47 million.

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'Discrimination'

Delegates to convention in the Diocese of **California** adopted legislation sharply critical of General Convention Resolution B033, saying the diocese "repents of the continuing discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people that B033 represents."

The resolution objected to General Convention's action as inconsistent with Title III, Canon 1, Sec. 2 of the canons of The Episcopal Church and "our baptismal promise to respect the dignity of every human being." The diocesan resolution also strongly urged the standing committee and bishop "to refuse to discriminate unjustly against bishops-elect for any reason."

Meeting Oct. 21 at Grace Cathedral, San Francisco, delegates passed



Minnesota Bishop James Jelinek visits with Sue Van Oss and her five-yearold daughter, Luisa, in the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) exhibit area at convention in the diocese.

Gordon Thomas/Diocese of Minnesota photo

all proposed resolutions, including one committing the diocese to listening to the stories of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people in a formal way in 2007; creating a recorded history of LGBT ministries in the diocese; and holding a "truth and reconciliation" liturgy "to repent of the sin of heterosexism." Other resolutions established a Slavery and Racial Reconciliation Task Force and directed the diocesan board of directors to divest diocesan funds from companies doing business in any part of the world where genocide is occurring.

In his first address to convention, diocesan Bishop Marc Andrus suggested that "a joyful life of dancing with God is perhaps the best form of evangelism.

"It is my belief that the Diocese of California lives a Christian life of great beauty, and that if we open this path to others, it will provide a good spiritual home to many who are seeking such." he said.

The diocese's primary emphasis in 2007 will be on supporting "parochial youth programs, faith formation for children in parishes, college ministry and young adult ministry," he said.

Episcopal News Service contributed to this report.

Small but Resilient

In addressing his diocese at its Oct. 14 convention in Escanaba, the Rt. Rev. James Kelsey acknowledged that the Diocese of **Northern Michigan**, with

about 2,000 members, is one of the smallest and poorest in The Episcopal Church. But he said that the convention's theme, "Offering a Life-Giving Place at the Table for All," represents the diocese's "commitment to enliven and enrich our gathering, so that we might be strengthened and inspired and equipped as we are sent out into the world we seek to serve, and in fact, to help God transform."

Bishop Kelsey said the diocese is taking action to meet "the need to do more to attract new members to our congregations, to further develop our ministries of stewardship, to decrease our dependence upon our endowments ... and to adjust our budget to live more responsibly within our means." Among the changes are the elimination of the ministry development coordinator position, regional restructuring, and the removal of line items for programs from the general budget. The diocese's Challenge Fund will be used to support all programs.

The budget constraints are "transformational adjustments," Bishop Kelsey said, "which are destined to generate new levels of energy which we can use ... to do our part to live into God's dream."

Delegates passed a resolution in response to Resolution B033, passed by the 75th General Convention in June, affirming a declaration made by the diocesan standing committee and Bishop Kelsey opposing the General Convention's call for restraint to not consent to the episcopal election of anyone "whose manner of life presents a challenge to the wider church."

Play Ball!

In an address to the convention of the Diocese of Northern Indiana marking his retirement as canon to the ordinary, the Rev. Canon David L. Seger revealed a creative plan for realignment of The Episcopal Church based on, of all things, Major League Baseball.

"I propose that we restructure provinces



and dioceses within The Episcopal Church with parallel jurisdictions according to the leagues and divisions of Major League Baseball," Canon Seger told the convention. Not having been present, I am unable to determine how firmly his tongue was placed in his cheek.

The idea goes like this: Major League Baseball has two leagues — the American (AL) and the National (NL), so the Anglican Communion would have two church leagues in the United States — AL (American League of Churches) and the NL (Nigerian League of Churches). "The AL has slightly different rules than the NL," Canon Seger noted, "i.e., the designated hitter, which allows more people to play the game. Same with the church leagues.

"In each league, there are three divisions which we will designate as provinces: East, Central and West. Each Major League team represents a diocese. So, for example, in the American League of Churches in the Central Provinces, there will be five dioceses — Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, Kansas City and Minnesota. This way there will be only 30 dioceses in the United States, 14 in one league (assuming we can annex Toronto), 16 in the other, and four to six dioceses in each province."

"There are fewer dioceses, which saves a lot of money, and everyone still gets to say they are Anglican ..."

I'd want to make sure the All-Star game is retained. It might set a record for batters hit by pitcher. My imagination is running wild.

When the national Executive Council

met in Chicago last month, members heard a report from the House of Bishops' Task Force on Property Disputes. That report notes that the task force has decided to monitor the efforts of "problem dioceses" — Dallas, Fort Worth, Pittsburgh, Quincy, Rio Grande, San Joaquin, and Springfield. This must be a natural follow-up to the previous Presiding Bishop's identification of six Episcopalians who were "manipulative" at a meeting of Anglican primates. Most of us could think of seven or eight dioceses that ought to be added to the list.

My guess is "problem diocese" will become a status of honor for those who reside in them. Sort of a badge of courage. If there were a General Convention coming up, we'd probably find people wearing T-shirts proclaiming they live in a problem diocese.

What's next? Problem bishops? Problem priests? Perhaps problem parishes or problem journalists? Big Brother, or perhaps mother, is watching...

The impending departure of the two northern Virginia parishes [p. 5], while not entirely unexpected, is one of the sadder developments in recent months. Certainly the strategy was not precipitous, for both congregations participated in 40-day periods of prayerful discernment, and they waited patiently after the 2003 General Convention to see what possibilities existed. Bishop Peter Lee worked pastorally in an attempt to avoid the departure, but apparently the two sides were too far apart.

Thanks to all who have reported on the status of their mail delivery of the magazine. Those people may be interested to learn that I did hear from a representative of the Postmaster General, and people in that office seem sincere in wanting to help us improve the delivery problems.

Note to T.L.A. in Orange County: You are correct in your recollection that Advent once had more of a penitential emphasis than it does now. Many consider Advent to be a time of joy, and place more emphasis on the second coming than in the past.

David Kalvelage, executive editor

Did You Know...

The Church of St. Luke in the Fields, New York City, opened its parish day school in 1833.

Quote of the Week

The Rt. Rev. Peter Beckwith,
Bishop of Springfield, in the
Chicago Tribune on theological
divisions: "I'm married to the
gospel, the Anglican Communion, the authority of scripture
— and I've got this prostitute
putting the moves on me."

From the outset Bishop Jefferts Schori has shown creative leadership skills.

Smooth Start for Council

The gathering had the potential to become an awkward, ineffective conclave, but when the national Executive Council held its first meeting of the new triennium last month in Chicago, it ran smoothly. Because half of the 38-member group is new, and its leadership (Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori and House of Deputies President Bonnie Anderson) also have just moved into their new positions, one might expect this group to move slowly. That wasn't the case.

When she met with the Executive Council last month in Chicago, observers got a glimpse of how the 26th Presiding Bishop may lead the church. From the outset she has shown creative leadership skills. She was well prepared for the task at hand, interested and knowledgeable about the matters being addressed, and decisive when she needed to be. She also is not afraid to make a statement that could be termed as controversial or out of the norm. For example, during her homily when she celebrated the Eucharist in the chapel at the headquarters of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, she questioned whether The Episcopal Church ought to have term limits for its bishops as the Lutherans do. That would mark a radical change for Episcopalians, whose bishops serve for life.

The council moved quickly through its agenda and seemed committed to the tasks at hand. The Presiding Bishop and the Executive Council are off to a good start. If the Chicago meeting is any indication, it will not be business as usual.

Important but not Primary

Since the 75th General Convention concluded in June, we have been hearing plenty about the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Developed by the United Nations in 2000 as an attempt to eradicate poverty, the goals reflect the idea that there are enough resources, strategies, and knowledge to end global poverty if only the moral and political will can be developed. When it gathered in Columbus, Ohio, General Convention established the Millennium Development Goals as a mission priority for the next triennium (2007-2009), and allocated 0.7 percent of its budget in support.

We are wholeheartedly supportive of the MDGs, and agree that Christians have an important role to play in order that the goals be carried out. As a reminder, the MDGs are: 1. eradicate extreme poverty and hunger; 2. achieve universal primary education; 3. promote gender equality and empower women; 4. reduce child mortality; 5. improve maternal health; 6. combat HIV and AIDS, malaria and other diseases; 7. ensure environmental sustainability; and 8. create a global partnership for development.

More than half of the dioceses of The Episcopal Church have allocated 0.7 percent of their budgets, and it is hoped that congregations will do the same. Such enthusiasm so far is encouraging, but we would also caution supporters not to get carried away with the concept. In some places, the MDGs have become almost an end unto themselves, rather than being an effective component in the church's response to addressing poverty. In one diocesan convention after another Millennium Development Goals have been trumpeted as the church's primary mission to the world. That, of course, is stretching matters. The goals are not the primary mission, nor are they the gospel. They comprise an intentional outreach to the world that may prove to be one of the church's most effective ministries.

SPIRITUAL HOUSEKEEPING

Bringing order to our lives

By J. Douglas Ousley

Various male visitors to our apartment last summer noticed that I was reading a 900-page book, Home Comforts: The Art & Science of Keeping House. Our visitors were amused. They felt this was unlikely reading for a man.

My visitors might have realized that men are perfectly capable of cooking and doing laundry. Indeed, even men who have servants to care for their homes still must make decisions about what they eat and what they wear and how to keep their homes clean and pleasant.

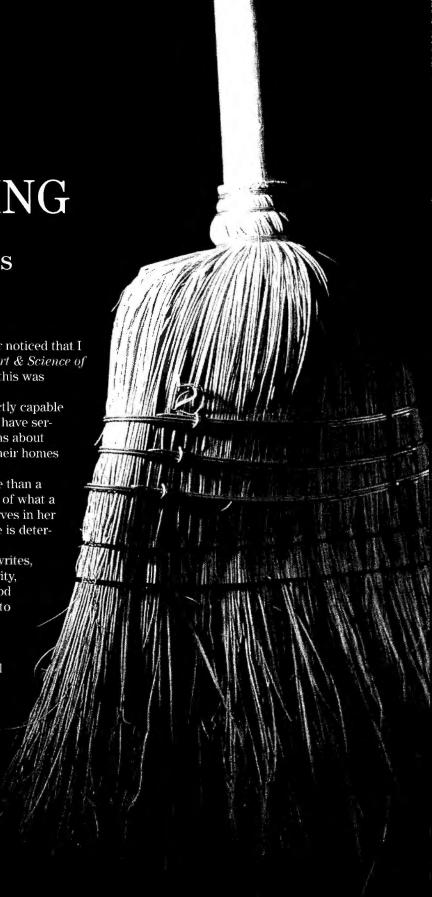
As it happened, I found Home Comforts to be more than a "how-to" book. For me, it presented a spiritual vision of what a home can be. As the author, Cheryl Mendelson, observes in her preface, "... the way you experience life in your home is determined by how you do your housekeeping.

Your life will be affected because, Ms. Mendelson writes,

"...Housekeeping creates cleanliness, order, regularity, beauty, the conditions for health and safety, and a good place to do and feel all the things you wish and need to do and feel in your home. Whether you live alone or with a spouse, parents, and ten children, it is your housekeeping that makes your home alive, that turns your home into a small society in its own right, a vital place with its own ways and rhythms, the place where you can be more yourself than you can be anywhere else.'

And being ourselves is what religion is all about. In a prayer book collect, we ask that "the Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts." In all things. No wonder people used to have signs on their walls that read, "God Bless Our Home." They knew that it was in their dwelling places that they would receive many blessings of the Spirit.

Housework can seem to be sheer drudgery, although Ms. Mendelson, who is a graduate of Harvard Law School, claims



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that the most boring tasks she has ever had to perform were jobs she did when she was an associate in a law firm. Yet the dreary labors of cooking and cleaning can bring spiritual rewards. Ms. Mendelson is talking about the human spirit when she writes: "... housekeeping actually offers more opportunities for savoring achievement than almost any other work I can think of. Each of its regular routines brings satisfaction when it is completed. These routines echo the rhythm of life. You get satisfaction not only from the sense of order, cleanliness, freshness, peace and plenty

restored, but from the knowledge that you yourself and those you care about are going to enjoy these benefits."

Your home then becomes an expression of your love for others — and your respect for yourself.

Again, this takes work. Following *Home Comfort*'s recommendations to the letter would require extraordinary organization. Countless household tasks are to be scheduled daily, weekly, monthly, semi-annually, annually; the organizing and sorting and cleaning is to be performed with strict discipline.

If you were offered the hospitality of Ms. Mendelson's home, you could be confident that the guest room would be clean, and you wouldn't get sick from the food. I couldn't begin to follow such a regimen. Yet even at my own lesser level of housekeeping, I have noticed that when I've followed some of Ms. Mendelson's recommendations, the laundry has been fresher and the food has been tastier.

There are parallels here with prayer. For prayer is a kind of spiritual housekeeping; prayer helps us to keep our souls in top condition. And as in housekeeping, time and energy are necessary to apply to the tasks of prayer.

Now as far as prayer is concerned, though, some people seem lucky. They have plenty of time and energy to devote to prayer. Monks and nuns, for example, can be compared to diligent housekeepers who vacuum once a day and wash the curtains every month and remember the age of every item in their refrigerators.

In the monastery or convent, there are many hours for individual prayer and meditation and study; there are lots of church services. As a result, those in the religious life have advantages in keeping their spiritual homes in order.

But there's another way to apply this analogy to Christians who aren't monks or nuns. In both house-keeping and spirituality, a little work can go a long way. Some regular cleaning of your apartment is better than none. A little time spent with God is better than no time at all. Getting yourself fluffy, new towels is a treat that you will enjoy for months. So too the extra services you attend at Christmas give you an interior lift. They get you ready to start the new year.

Some Christians find it is even possible to do your housekeeping and to pray at the same time. In the Middle Ages, a monk called Brother Lawrence discovered during his long hours washing dishes in the monastery kitchen that he could "practice the presence of God."

My own variation on this idea is to listen to tapes of passages from the Bible while I make dinner or clean up the kitchen. For me, hearing scripture provides fresh insights into familiar texts I have read many times.

In any event, even a little bit of discipline in prayer pays big dividends in ordering our souls. As in housework, small improvements lead to small successes. Those small successes make us more at home with ourselves.

There is also a parallel between housekeeping and parish life. Like an apartment or house, your local church is a place you can come home to. It is, to borrow the words of the author of *Home Comforts*, the place where you "do and feel all the things you wish and need to do and feel in your [spiritual] home."

And so we will want to take care of our churches as we would take care of our physical dwellings. We will want to make our religious communities interesting and attractive so that we will enjoy going to them, and other people will want to participate in their life.

Two related challenges, then: making our apartments or houses into homes; and making our churches into homes. Making them into places where we practice the presence of God, where the Holy Spirit can "direct and rule our hearts." Making them into places where we can be ourselves. Places where we can offer thanks to God — as we await that final home God has prepared for us.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Cheap Shot

I do not know former Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold personally. I did see him occasionally — mostly at a distance — when I was a volunteer at the General Convention.

But I do know a cheap shot when I see one, and that's how I would characterize the editorial, "When Leadership Was Needed..." [TLC, Nov. 5]. In that editorial, most of a page is devoted to trashing Bishop Griswold and his record, which I suppose is to be expected if you believe a public figure like him deserves it. Much of the criticism, however, echoes what I have read in some other sources less refined than TLC.

Then the editorial winds up this denunciation by piously asserting that Bishop Griswold is "a gifted person" who is "intelligent, sensitive and pastoral," and that he worked hard but failed to produce leadership. Nevertheless he and Mrs. Griswold were wished "a happy and healthy retirement" and lives "filled with grace and peace."

If the Griswolds did not already need some grace and peace, I suspect they did after reading a patronizing piece like that.

Joe T. Gilliland Asheville, N.C.

The editorial on the retirement of Bishop Griswold was on point, insightful, and written with pastoral sensitivity. TLC is probably the only publication willing to print such a candid reflection.

(The Rev.) Nathaniel Pierce Trappe, Md.

Defense of Tradition

The editorial that criticized Via Media USA for sending letters urging standing committees not to consent to the consecration of the Rev. Mark Lawrence as Bishop of South Carolina [TLC, Nov. 19] seems built on basic misunderstandings of via media — both of the organization and of the concept.

The action Via Media USA took was in defense of the traditional via media - in Richard Hooker's words, "a comprehension for the sake of truth." Such a position embraces the idea that the church is enriched by having within it many viewpoints. Bishop-elect Lawrence has made numerous public statements that suggest he would deny the church the full richness of theological diversity, either by a conservative withdrawal from the church, or by silencing those with whom he disagrees. Via Media USA represents the "broad middle" of the church, which welcomes into fellowship and

its congregations Episcopalians holding many different opinions on this and other issues. If there are other groups representing this middle, where are they?

Should the standing committees heed Via Media USA's request and withhold confirmation of Mark Lawrence, I would hope that he would respond with the same grace as James DeKoven, who after being elected Bishop of Illinois, and failing confirmation, continued working to strengthen the ministries of The Episcopal Church and to do that work that Christ has called us to do together.

Joan R. Gundersen Pittsburgh, Pa.

Words of Reconciliation?

I have heard and read that our new Presiding Bishop is a very caring and reconciling person. To say to fellow primates who may not agree with her, "Get over it," does not sound to me like words of reconciliation. May God have mercy on us all.

(The Rev.) John C. Sterling Lakeland, Tenn.

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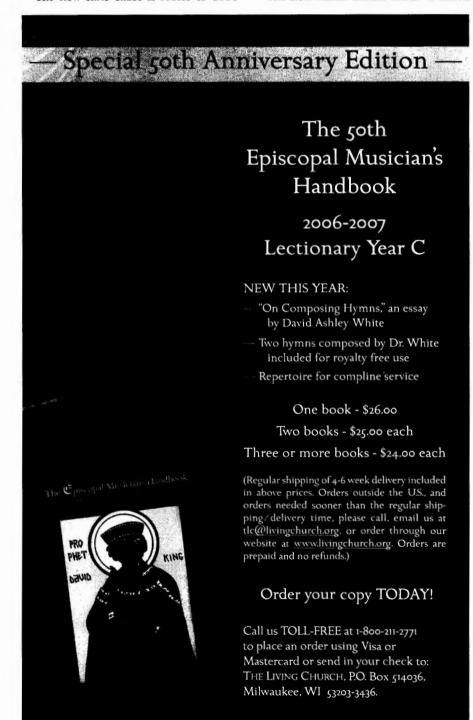
Deaths

The Rev. **William Scott Root**, of Asheville, NC, died Sept. 23 at his home. He was 79.

Born in Lansdowne, PA, Fr. Root was educated at Guilford College, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and the General Theological Seminary. In 1953 he was ordained to the diaconate, and the following year to the priesthood. Fr. Root served congregations in the dioceses of New York, North Carolina, Colorado, Western North Carolina, Tennessee, and East Tennessee, including being rector of Trinity Church, Garnerville, NY, 1959-64, and vicar of St. Matthew's, McMinnville, TN, 1988-90. In recent years he was associated with St. Mary's, Asheville. Surviving are his wife, Loyce; six children, seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and a brother, Dean, of The Villages, FL.

The Hon. **George T. Shields**, active in the Diocese of Spokane and the national Episcopal Church for many years, died Oct. 10 in Spokane, WA. He was 78.

Judge Shields was a native of Seattle. He graduated from Whitman College and Columbia University School of Law. Following duty with the Army, he entered private law practice in Spokane. In 1970, he was elected to the Washington State Superior Court. He was appointed to the Washington State Court of Appeals in 1988. Judge Shields served on the chapter of the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Spokane, from 1962 until 1988, and was senior warden of the cathedral for 20 years. He was a member of the diocesan



standing committee, a deputy to several General Conventions, and was the chair of that body's Committee on Dispatch of Business for nearly 20 years. He also was a member of the national Executive Council. Surviving are his wife, Jean; a daughter, Lora Johnson; sons George, of Portland, OR, and Andrew, of Spokane; four grandchildren; and a sister, Kathryn Besterman, of Sun Valley, ID.

The Rev. Charles Lynwood Smith, Jr., 74, rector of St. Philip's Church, Columbus, OH, for 12 years, died Sept. 19 at his home in Columbus.

A native of Boston, Fr. Smith was a graduate of Quinnipiac (MA) College and Episcopal Theological School. He was ordained deacon in 1974 and priest in 1977 and served as an assistant in churches in the Diocese of Massachusetts. He was priest-in-charge of Epiphany, Rocky Mount, NC, 1977-81, and rector of St. Philip's from 1981 until 1993, when he retired. He is survived by his wife, Martha; a daughter, Lynne Allison Smith-Tucker; two grandchildren; and four sisters, Ruby Mayokok, Annmarie Marvel, Phyllis Brown, and Claudia Fowler.

The Rev. Eugene Eager Wood, Jr., 81, retired priest of the Diocese of Mary-

land, died Sept. 17 at St. Mary's Nursing Center, Leonardtown, MD.

A native of Newport News, VA, Fr. Wood was a graduate of the College of William and Mary, Virginia Theological Seminary, Andover Theological School, and Boston University. He was ordained in the Diocese of Southern Virginia, as deacon in 1949, and as priest in 1950. He was assistant at Trinity Church, Boston, 1949-50; rector of St. Luke's, Blackstone, VA, 1950-51; rector of St. John's, Boston, 1951-55; rector of Christ Church, Lima, OH, 1955-60; rector of Atonement, Atlanta, 1962-76; and rector of St. Peter's, Solomon's Island, MD, from 1976 until he retired. Dr. Wood is survived by his wife, Nell, and a son, James.

The Rev. **Robert William Woodroofe, Jr.**, retired priest of the Diocese of Minnesota, died Oct. 6 at his home in Concord, MA. He was 96.

Fr. Woodroofe was born in Philadelphia and raised in Cleveland, OH. He graduated from the University of Michigan and Episcopal Theological School, then was ordained deacon in 1934 and priest in 1935. He served several parishes over the next 40 years. He was curate at Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills, MI, 1935-40; assistant at St.

Bartholomew's, New York City, 1940-42; rector of Grace Church, Newton, MA, 1942-59; and rector of St. Luke's, Minneapolis, 1959-75. While in the Diocese of Massachusetts, he was a member of the Christian education committee, editorial board of the diocesan newspaper, and the standing committee. In Minnesota, he was a member of the boards of the Episcopal student center at the University of Minnesota and Seabury-Western Theological Seminary. He is survived by two daughters, Benson Tulloch, of Easton, MD, and Robin Ackroyd, of Woods Hole, MA; a son, the Rev. Robert III, of Marion, MA; eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Recent deaths of other clergy as reported by the Church Pension Fund:

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Gethsemane was established in 1875. The original Cathedral was on the National Register of Historic Places. This fine old house of worship, one of the few "wooden" cathedrals in the world, was destroyed by fire in 1989. Our "new" Cathedral, built in a rapidly growing area of southwestern Fargo, was designed by world-renowned architect Charles Moore to reflect our agricultural heritage, subtly evoking the image of a grain elevator and a prairie town. In addition to its dean, Gethsemane is served by four locally ordained priests and a deacon.

Simply stated, Gethsemane's mission is "Inviting people to experience a transforming relationship with Jesus Christ." Gethsemane has a strong foundation of growth and varied programming and seeks a dean to continue this positive momentum.

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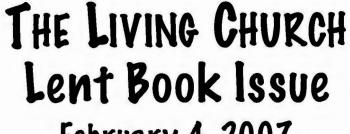
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