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RIGHT: Bishop Maze (left), Bishop Jefferts Schori and newly consecrated Bishop Benfield in Arkansas.

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**SUNDAY'S READINGS**

**The Heart of Faith is Love**

*'Love never ends' (1 Cor. 13:8)*

**The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany (Year C), Jan. 28, 2007**

**BCP:** Jer. 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-17 or 71:1-6, 15-17; 1 Cor. 14:12b-20; Luke 4:21-32  
**RCL:** Jer. 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; 1 Cor.13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

It is easy to be distracted from God's love. Jesus himself went to the synagogue at Nazareth, and he proclaimed that Isaiah's prophecy of a messiah was fulfilled that day. But the people could not hear him, even though he spoke directly to them. They thought they knew him. He was from their town, and they knew his family. They had him situated by their preconceived notions of him, and there was no room in their minds for any other possibilities.

It was a sad day in Nazareth. Jesus found himself without honor in his own hometown. The people thought they knew enough about Jesus to make a judgment, and they could not recognize God's love in their midst.

Paul urgently reminds the church in Corinth that love must come first for Christians. All kinds of spiritual achievements, powers, and

understandings are worthless without love. Loveless words of great faith are just a "noisy gong," and even the utmost generosity is nothing if the giving is without love. Prophecies and knowledge will come to an end, but love never ends. Real love is not self-centered, pushy or manipulative. We can do good things for selfish reasons and still be turned away from God. We will be distracted if the focus is on ourselves instead of sharing God's love.

Our ministries are never ends in themselves, no matter how much appreciation and recognition they may generate. But our gifts and works become significant when they express our love and when they lead us to know God's love more deeply. Instead of evaluating a gift by its apparent value to us, we may look to the loving heart of the giver.

**Look It Up**

The marriage service in the BCP (p. 429) includes prayers for the couple that they may seek each other's forgiveness "when they hurt each other," and that their life together may be "a sign of Christ's love to this sinful and broken world." How can this also be applied to the life of a parish, and other relationships shared by Christians?

**Think About It**

Tertullian once said that people outside the church are impressed by the love of Christians for each other: "See how they love one another." Is love visible in your church when a newcomer arrives? Do parish meetings, priorities, and decisions reflect the love of Christ?

**Next Sunday**

**The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany (Year C), Feb. 4, 2007**

**BCP:** Judges 6:11-24a; Psalm 85 or 85:7-13; 1 Cor. 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11  
**RCL:** Isaiah 6:1-8(9-13); Psalm 138; 1 Cor. 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

## Arkansas Bishop Will Maintain 'Pastoral Base'

The Rt. Rev. Larry R. Benfield was consecrated Bishop of Arkansas by Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori on Jan. 6 in Little Rock. Bishop Benfield becomes the first Arkansas priest to lead the diocese since it was formed in 1838.

In a development that drew considerable interest from those attending the consecration, Bishop Benfield will remain as the unpaid rector of Christ Church, Little Rock, a cure he has served since 2001. In an interview with the *Arkansas Democrat Gazette*, Bishop Benfield said the unusual arrangement will provide him "a pastoral base from which to be a bishop" and was a sign that he is committed to individual congregational health.

"Many bishops have discovered that they did not have a pastoral base, and it impaired their ministry," he said.

The 18-month agreement with the parish calls for him to preach about once a month. The Rev. Scott Walters, vicar at Christ Church for the past 18 months, will become vicar and priest-in-charge.

"This idea was Bishop Benfield's initiative," Fr. Walters said. "He is a remarkably creative thinker. I trust him profoundly."

Bishop Benfield encouraged consecration service participants to bring gifts of food to be presented as a thank offering at the Eucharist. Approximately two and-a-half tons of food were collected from more than 1,300 who filled the gym at Episcopal Collegiate School. The food will be donated to St. Francis House, a ministry of the diocese providing food, clothing, utilities, rental assistance and medicine to the poor and homeless.

Bishop Benfield is the first bishop consecrated by Bishop Jefferts Schori. Co-consecrating bishops were the Rt. Rev. Herbert A. Donovan, Jr., retired Bishop of Arkansas, the Rt. Rev. Larry E. Maze retired Bishop of Arkansas, and the Rt. Rev. Barry Howe, Bishop of West Missouri.

A convert to The Episcopal Church while earning a master's degree in business administration at the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania,



Richard J. Herman photo

At the request of the bishop-elect, gifts of food were brought to the service of consecration in Arkansas.

Bishop Benfield was ordained in 1991 after graduation from Virginia Theological Seminary. He has served his entire ordained ministry in Arkansas. A Tennessee native, he worked in the banking industry prior to ordination.

## Presiding Bishop Jefferts Schori Visits Arkansas Churches

The church is a great place to start learning to love people one finds disagreeable, said Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori, who visited two churches in Pine Bluff, Ark., on Sunday, Jan. 7.

Bishop Jefferts Schori who was in Arkansas for the consecration of the Rev. Larry R. Benfield, asked to visit and preach in a small congregation the following day. Bishop Benfield told the *Arkansas Democrat Gazette* that

he chose Pine Bluff because it is the only town with two Episcopal churches within an hour's drive of Little Rock where the consecration had occurred.

Grace Church, Pine Bluff, was host to Bishop Jefferts Schori for a reception and a 45-minute question-and-answer session. The congregation then joined members of Trinity Church for a combined service at that location about three miles away.

One woman asked why the church should focus on social issues instead of spiritual ones. Bishop Jefferts Schori asked the woman how she would define the mission of the church.

"I know what I want from the church. I want the church to help me in my relationship to God, not in my relationship to other people," the woman said.

"The church actually defines it as both," Bishop Jefferts Schori said.

## '815' Joins Syracuse Legal Dispute

The Presiding Bishop's chancellor has intervened in the legal battle between the rector and lay leadership of St. Andrew's Church, Syracuse, and the Diocese of Central New York.

On Jan. 5 attorneys for the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society (DFMS) filed papers with a Syracuse court seeking permission to intervene in the dispute between the diocese and the parish over the control of property.

Last February, the parish filed an amendment to its certificate of incorporation, transferring its episcopal oversight from the diocese and its bishop, the Rt. Rev. Gladstone B. "Skip" Adams, to the Most Rev. Emmanuel Kolini, Primate of Rwanda and the Anglican Mission in America.

The diocese responded by filing suit against the rector, the Rev. Robert Hackendorf, the vestry and the parish on July 19 seeking possession of the parish property assets. Motions seeking the dismissal of the case by the parish and an emergency injunction banning the use of parish assets were denied by the court in September. Attempts to hold the members of the vestry personally liable by the diocese through joining them to the lawsuit were also dismissed by the court.

Last year the DFMS joined the lawsuits filed by the Diocese of Los Angeles against three parishes that left the diocese to affiliate with the Church of Uganda. In December Orange County Judge David Velasquez dismissed the diocese's and DFMS suit, holding that California property law took precedence over church canon law.

Raymond Dague, the lawyer for St. Andrew's, said he believed the DFMS "will be no more successful here than they were in the California litigation," deprecating the national church's actions. "This is a long way from how a church should behave," he observed.

Mr. Dague argued that while St. Andrew's has been a member of the diocese since 1903, under New York law it is a "free church" and in control of its own property.



Anne Clark Brown photo

Gretchen Wolff Pritchard tells the gospel story as part of the "Light and Peace Compline" at the Province 1 Convocation in Westborough, Mass. Planned by the Province 1 Education Network, the two-day convocation (Nov. 17-18), titled "God's Story, Our Story: At All Times and In All Places," was designed to appeal to people of all ages.

## Covenant Design Group Includes Two Americans

Two Americans are among the members of the Archbishop of Canterbury's Covenant Design Group which held its first meeting Jan. 15-19 in Nassau.

The Rev. Ephraim Radner, rector of Church of the Ascension, Pueblo, Colo., and a senior fellow of the Anglican Communion Institute, was appointed, as was the Rev. A. Katherine Grieb, associate professor of New Testament at the Virginia Theological Seminary.

The meeting was convened by the Primate of the West Indies, the Most Rev. Drexel Gomez. The honorary secretary of the Global South provinces coalition within the Anglican Communion, the Most Rev. John Chew, Archbishop of Singapore and Primate of Southeast Asia, was named to the panel, as was the Most Rev. John Neill, Archbishop of Dublin (Ireland).

Archbishop Williams also selected two Africans to join the panel. A clinical psychologist, Dr. Nomfundo Walaza served as director of Cape Town's Trauma Centre for Survivors of Violence and Torture and was a delegate to ACC-13 from Southern Africa. She also serves as a member of the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lambeth Conference Design Team. Dr. Walaza joins

the Very Rev. Victor Atta-Baffoe, the dean of St. Nicholas Seminary in Ghana. He is a member of the Inter-Anglican Doctrinal and Theological Committee, and a delegate from West Africa to the October 2005 Global South to South meeting in Egypt.

The Rev. Canon Andrew Norman and the Rev. Canon Gregory Cameron also were named to the group.

Two lawyers and a bishop with legal training round out the team: Rubie Nottage, a member of the Panel of Reference and Lambeth Commission on Communion, who serves as chancellor of the Province of the West Indies; Sriyanganie Fernando, a government lawyer from Sri Lanka; and the Bishop of the Seychelles and one-time Diocese of Florida rector, the Rt. Rev. Santosh Marray.

In addition to the Design Group, a larger corresponding group will be appointed by Archbishop Williams to advise the core group. However, no members have yet been selected for the advisory body, Canon Cameron, deputy general secretary of the Anglican Consultative Council told THE LIVING CHURCH on Jan 9.

(The Rev.) George Conger

## Panel of Reference Responds Favorably to Fort Worth

The Archbishop of Canterbury's Panel of Reference has responded favorably to an appeal by the Diocese of Fort Worth which opposes an amendment to the Canons and Constitution of the General Convention making access to ordination mandatory for women in all dioceses.

"The panel recommends that the Archbishop of Canterbury should discuss with the Presiding Bishop the possibility of the clarification of the ambiguous wording of the 1997 amendment to the relevant canon so as to ensure that the permissive nature of the ordination of women is maintained in any diocese," states one of several recommendations made by the panel in its six-page report released Jan. 8 in London.

In 2005, the diocese appealed to the Archbishop of Canterbury, claiming to be subject to "marginalization and intimidation" from the "authorities" of The Episcopal Church "for upholding the Church's historic practice of holy orders" and its "refusal to ordain or license women as priests."

"This is the first specifically positive development in a long time for those who hold traditional views," Fort Worth Bishop Jack Leo Iker told THE LIVING CHURCH. "The great value is the moral force of an international forum saying our position is recognized and

our provisions adequate. It gives us the moral high ground in all this. It's a vindication of the position we have maintained for over 30 years. It's good to know we continue to have a valid and recognized place within the Anglican Communion."

### 'Dallas Plan'

Under the "Dallas Plan," a non-legislative agreement introduced by Bishop Iker in 1995, lay women who reside in the Diocese of Fort Worth and are interested in exploring a call to ordained ministry are referred to the Bishop of Dallas. A second element of the plan provides for the Bishop of Dallas to provide direct oversight to any female priest called to serve as rector of a Fort Worth parish.

"The Panel of Reference commends to all parties the Dallas Plan, which appears to have worked satisfactorily for 10 years, and recommends that its procedures continue; that while the Communion is in a process of reception, no diocese or parish should be compelled to accept the ministry of word or sacrament from an ordained woman; and that provision has to be made to meet the conscientious objection to ministry by women," the report stated. "Equally, the proper dignity of women ordained ought to be respected in the life of the Church as a

whole, and provision maintained for those who feel called to follow their vocation. The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Presiding Bishop, and the other Primates of the Anglican Communion should publicly commend the adequacy of the Dallas Plan."

In a brief statement to reporters Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori said: "We recognize that women do have access to ordination under the 'Dallas Plan' at present, which seems to address the intent of the canon."

Bishop Iker described the Presiding Bishop's statement as inadequate commendation and insulting of legitimately held beliefs. "Her statement strikes me as something carefully crafted to continue to deny the respect that should be afforded to persons who hold to our position," he said. "I see nothing positive in it at all. The really disturbing thing for her to read in the report must have been the recommendation that 'no diocese or parish should be compelled to accept the ministry of word or sacrament from an ordained woman.' That would include her."

At present the Anglican Communion is in a process of reception regarding the role of women in ordained orders. The ordination of women as priests is permissive in about half of the Communion's 38 provinces.

*Steve Waring*



Lying under a funeral pall to signify their "death" to the world, two members of the Companions of St. Luke, a Benedictine monastery in the Episcopal tradition, make their life profession of vows during a recent convocation. Kansas Bishop Dean E. Wolfe (right back row) is the newly elected bishop visitor for the community located in Donnellson, Iowa. Abbot Michael-John, OSB (back row, left) is the founder and head of the community.

*Companions of St. Luke photo*



All Saints' Church photo

Private first class James Russell (right) distributes some of the more than 400 Christmas cards sent from All Saints' Church, Pasadena, Calif., to U.S. troops based in Kirkuk, Iraq, where Pfc. Russell, who is the son of the Rev. Susan Russell, is serving as a Blackhawk helicopter crew chief.

## Anglican Communion Institute Director Inhibited

The Bishop of Colorado, the Rt. Rev. Robert J. O'Neill, has inhibited the rector of one of the diocese's largest congregations pending the outcome of an investigation into an allegation of financial misconduct.

The Rev. Donald Armstrong of Grace and St. Stephen's, Colorado Springs, was "temporarily inhibited" on Dec. 28 while investigations into "possible misapplication of church funds" were pursued, a statement released by the diocese reported.

A high-profile leader among conservative Episcopalians, Fr. Armstrong's inhibition came just before the start of the second Camp Allen meeting of "Windsor Bishops" (see story on this page). As a director of the Colorado Springs-based Anglican Communion Institute, Fr. Armstrong was attending the meeting as a resource for the gathered bishops.

Details of the single allegation leveled in March against Fr. Armstrong will remain secret while the investigation is underway, diocesan chancellor Larry Hitt stated. "This confidentiality exists to protect the interests of all involved while an investigation is ongoing," he said.

"Under the terms of the inhibition, Armstrong will temporarily step aside from his duties as rector of Grace and St. Stephen's Church and will not exercise any functions or pastoral responsibilities as a priest," the diocesan statement said.

## No Public Statement from Camp Allen 2

A group of 19 diocesan bishops concluded their three-day meeting Jan. 5 at Camp Allen in the Diocese of Texas, agreeing not to make a public statement. Instead those present for the entire meeting chose to send a private letter to the 38 primates of the Anglican Communion.

Invitations also were extended to Archbishop Drexel Gomez, Primate of the West Indies and chair of the committee working on the development of an Anglican Covenant; Archbishop Donald Mtetemela, Primate of Tanzania; Bishop Michael Scott-Joynt of Winchester (England), and Bishop Anthony J. Burton of Saskatchewan (Canada). The Rt. Rev. Don A. Wimberly, Bishop of Texas, was the host and convener.

The meeting was to serve as a listening session with particular emphasis on the Feb. 12-19 primates' meeting in Tanzania and on the work of the covenant committee, according to three bishops who participated in the letter-drafting discussion and afterward spoke with a reporter from THE LIVING CHURCH. In their letter to the primates, the bishops summarized their own hopes for the primates' meeting and how decisions made there might alter the future course of The Episcopal Church. The letter also contained a plea that no further diocesan border incursions among bishops committed to the Windsor Report be undertaken, according to meeting participants.

Other discussion included a straw poll with attendees asked to submit

the names of three colleagues to go to the primates' meeting on behalf of The Episcopal Church. It was unclear whether Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams had asked for recommendations for the additional bishops from The Episcopal Church to attend the primates' meeting in Tanzania. Bishop Scott-Joynt was asked to share those results with Archbishop Williams if he asks for them, the bishops told TLC.

Four bishops present at Camp Allen had not attended an earlier meeting of "Windsor-compliant" bishops at the same site last September. Bishops from The Episcopal Church in attendance for the entire second meeting:

**Keith L. Ackerman, Quincy**  
**James M. Adams, Jr., Western Kansas**  
**Peter Beckwith, Springfield**  
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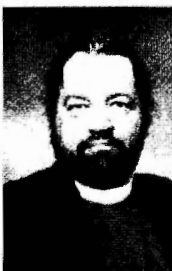
## Alaska Bishop Resigns, Will Serve in Canada

The Bishop of Alaska, the Rt. Rev. Mark L. MacDonald, will become the Anglican Church of Canada's first National Indigenous Bishop with oversight over Canada's First Nations people, Archbishop Andrew Hutchison announced at a Jan. 4 news conference in Toronto.

Bishop MacDonald's jurisdiction will cross Canada's existing diocesan boundaries as well as the U.S.-Canadian border. While he has resigned as

Bishop of Alaska to take up the Toronto-based post, he will continue in his role as assisting bishop of Navajoland Area Mission in The Episcopal Church.

The new post was created following a call made at an August 2005 gathering of indigenous peoples at a "Sacred Circle" meeting in Manitoba



Bishop MacDonald

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## Ordinations Remembered

The 30th anniversary of ordination of women was the focus when delegates to convention in the Diocese of Iowa met Nov. 10-11 in Des Moines. The diocese's first two female priests, the Rev. Kathryn Piccard and the Rev. Suzanne Peterson, attended and were honored at the convention, and Bishop Suffragan Gayle Harris of Massachusetts preached and spoke after dinner on the convention's opening evening.

The Rt. Rev. Alan Scarfe, Bishop of Iowa, recounted his 175-mile walk across the state last summer, which raised nearly \$50,000 to assist the newly ordained, mission internships for young adults, and new starts exploration. "It was an intentional journey, a pilgrimage, a prayer walk. It transformed my inner sensitivity to life in Iowa," he said.

Bishop Scarfe also looked ahead to a strategic plan for the years 2008 through 2012 that will be presented at the diocese's 2007 convention. He said that despite the "low enthusiasm" recent diocesan surveys showed toward evangelism and social justice, "we cannot let these central themes of Jesus' life and legacy get lost. In my meetings with clergy, we have already begun expanding our ideas about sharing the faith in word and deed. A newly appointed Congregational Commission will be asked to take this further."

Convention received the report of a diocesan pilot group, initiated in 2005, that has been exploring differing positions on the Windsor Report. The group reported that through its dialogue it had become "a deeper community," and encouraged the formation of additional groups around the diocese.

Delegates passed more than a dozen resolutions on such varied subjects as a change in formula for congregational pledges; affirming that acceptance of evolution is compatible with Christian teaching; mandating domestic abuse prevention training for clergy and lay professionals; and

calling for research and documentation of any slavery complicity, with a call to hold a service of repentance.

A 2007 balanced budget of \$1.37 million was adopted.

*Episcopal News Service contributed to this report.*

## Trust the Vessel

At a convention that celebrated his 19 years of leadership as Bishop of Oklahoma, the Rt. Rev. Robert M. Moody expressed confidence in The Episcopal Church and its direction. Delegates met Nov. 10-11 at the Reed Center in Midwest City.

"The church is the community of the baptized. In our present struggles, let us not forget that," Bishop Moody said in his address. "Let us also strive to honor the dignity of those who are within the faith but have broken fellowship because of their disagreements with the actions of General Convention and/or their bishop. That is not easy, I admit. But it is important and essential if we bear the baptismal mark of Christian disciple and follower of Christ."

Bishop Moody described The Episcopal Church as "an Anglican expression of Christian faith that is mixed vigorously with the American experiment of democracy and the separation of church and state.

"We have certainly exhibited and experienced our clumsy, untidy and broken nature in recent years," he admitted. "For some this has been unbearable. Some have chosen to abandon the good ship Episcopal Church and sail away to safer harbors in dinghies flying an Anglican flag and singing 'Nearer my God to Thee.'

"Those of us who remain on the ship know that the situation is perilous and difficult, but we trust our vessel," he said. "We trust The Episcopal Church — its historical and theological foundations, its democratic polity, and the integrity of its clergy and lay leaders."

Convention considered and passed two substantive resolutions, both



Ron Turner/St. Vincent's Cathedral photo

Accompanied by the Very Rev. Ryan Reed, dean of St. Vincent's Cathedral, Bedford, Texas, the Rt. Rev. Jack Leo Iker, Bishop of Fort Worth, on Dec. 17 blesses and names the Resurrection bell, the largest of nine bells to be installed at the cathedral.

without amendment. Delegates voted to adopt and implement the Millennium Development Goals as 0.7 percent of the annual budget of the diocese, and challenged congregations and individuals to do the same. The second resolution congratulated the new Presiding Bishop on her election and pledged the diocese's support during her tenure. Convention delegates adopted a 2007 budget of just over \$4 million.

## Maintaining Unity

Delegates and guests to the annual convention in the Diocese of Rhode Island approved a resolution in support of Millennium Development Goals and listened to Bishop Geralyn Wolf explain her decision to participate in the work of "Windsor" bishops at Camp Allen last September. Convention met Oct. 27-28 in Cranston.

Bishop Wolf said her decision to

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### Staying Connected Through the Anglican Cycle of Prayer

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By David B. Reed

My first real experience of the Anglican Communion was in 1968 when I attended the Lambeth Conference of Anglican bishops. Suddenly I was in relationship with bishops from all over the world.

Since then I have been fortunate to visit many dioceses in different provinces and to know not only the bishops but wonderful lay people and clergy who make this family of Christians so personal, real and immediate. It was because of them that I was worried three years ago when The Episcopal Church took an action that I knew much of the rest of the world would not understand. Indeed it has upset many and even threatens to break our family apart.

There is an important resource available for those who pray — the Anglican Cycle of Prayer. It became an important resource to keep us in touch with each other during the 10 years between Lambeth conferences. Yet as new dioceses were created and the number of bishops grew, it was increasingly difficult to put a face to a name. And the names — both of dioceses and bishops — became more and more alien to my Anglo-Saxon background.

It helped greatly when Forward Movement Publications published a book for the Anglican Cycle of Prayer with maps of the various provinces. I would search for that place on God's earth where my prayers each day were directed. Even though I had never been there, I could know something about those fellow Christians just by their distance from the sea, competing religions, and general terrain that both united that diocese and

made the building of a diocesan family difficult.

Today, as a retired bishop, I am fortunate to be associated with a parish that has daily Morning Prayer, and where we pray for the dioceses and bishops designated each day in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer. I can't seem to find any more maps. Forward Movement no longer publishes the Anglican Cycle of Prayer as a book, but it does offer a CD-ROM that provides the daily listings. In addition, the Anglican Cycle of Prayer has its own page on the Anglican Communion website ([www.anglicancommunion.org/acp/site.cfm](http://www.anglicancommunion.org/acp/site.cfm)).

As a retired bishop, I won't be able to meet those people face to face at the next Lambeth Conference. (If I did it would be my fifth!) But the linkage of prayer throughout the family still constitutes a real bond of affection for me. It makes this family very real and very important.

It is not too late to rebuild the network of prayer that kept us in touch with each other as we prayed to the Lord of the entire Church for those people in "far away places with strange sounding names." (Of course, to them we are the people far away with the strange sounding names.) There is power in prayer. Is this such a novel idea? If we are going to maintain the fabric of this Communion, we need to pray for each other and through prayer live in a relationship that was made possible when Christ died on the cross — a relationship that is possible today when we are truly a family united by Holy Communion. □

*The Rt. Rev. David B. Reed is the retired Bishop of Kentucky. He lives in Louisville, Ky.*

# Exemplary Service in Oregon

Kudos to the Bishop of Oregon, the Rt. Rev. Johncy Itty, for creating a new award to honor people who have worked behind the scenes in their churches with little fanfare to accomplish much.

Known as the Bishop's Award for Distinguished Parochial Service, it was established to recognize parishioners for their "humility, dedication and tirelessness."

We all know folks like these in our own congregations, and it's welcome news when someone is recognizing their efforts.

Seven award winners, one from each of Oregon's convocations, were honored at the banquet during diocesan convention. The only problem with awards like this is the recipients aren't unsung heroes anymore.

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Here's an event that probably won't take place in your church: At St. John's Church for the Deaf in Birmingham, Ala., the Rev. Marianne Stephens was translating announcements in sign language one Sunday near the end of the service when her friend Vernon Kroll stood up.

"He said he doesn't sign but he had a sign," Ms. Stephens told the *Birmingham News*. Mr. Kroll then held up his sign. It read "Will you marry me?"

The priest said yes, and the couple is planning to be married during the summer.

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But this could take place in your church: St. Paul's, Chattanooga, Tenn., holds a BYOB Eucharist each Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. That's Bring Your Own Baby. The idea is for young parents to be able bring small children to church in a less formal atmosphere than Sunday mornings. Children can (and do) cry and scream and crawl or toddle or sit on laps. They have toys and stuffed animals. According to the *East Tennessee Episcopalian*, the service never starts on time because the congregation is usually late, and the celebrant must speak loudly in order to be heard. The newspaper reports that one woman and her 19-month-old triplets are regu-

lars, as is an unmarried woman who has "adopted" several of the children.

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In its December issue, *The Voice*, newspaper of the Diocese of Newark, paid tribute to Bishop John Croneberger, who will resign Jan. 27, by publishing a collection of anecdotes about the bishop's ministry offered by members of the diocese. This one from the Rev. Kathryn King, vicar of All Saints', Bergenfield, N.J., is worth sharing:

"My favorite story that Bishop Croneberger told about himself is of a baptism he was set to perform on a very reluctant child," she wrote. "Undaunted, and with his goal firmly in hand, the bishop allowed the child to reach into the font and splash him in the face. After this was cheerfully and mischievously done by the toddler, the then-rector in Tenafly announced, 'Now it's my turn,' and with three splashes in the face of the child welcomed a new member into the household of faith!"

Larry Sunden recalled when Bishop Croneberger came to Grace Church, Westwood, in 2004: "His reception was somewhat chilly due to the boiler having failed that morning. Meeting with the vestry after the service, the junior warden reported that the heating problem was due to the transcoupler. Without missing a beat, the bishop said, 'I think we're blessing those these days.'"

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More than one reader noticed that there were only two letters to the editor in our Jan. 14 issue. The reason was simple: That's all the letters we had on hand that week — a first in the memory of those who have been around here for awhile. But fear not. Apparently our content has returned to its previous state of offending enough people that the letters are flowing again.

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Note to Eugene L. in an undisclosed location: The meeting of Anglican primates is scheduled for Feb. 12-19 in Tanzania. Remember that the primates, like the Lambeth Conference, have no canonical status, so whatever they declare, recommend or suggest probably will be ignored in this country.

*David Kalvelage, executive editor*



*Did You Know...*

**Bishop Geralyn Wolf of Rhode Island will marry Thomas C. Bair, Jr., of New Paltz, N.Y., April 21, in Providence, R.I.**

*Quote of the Week*

**Archbishop Peter Akinola of Nigeria, in *The Christian Science Monitor* on his role as leader of traditional Anglicans: "God is consistent. He has always used Africans to build his church, to save the church from error."**

## Feeling the Pinch

We are beginning to see the fallout from the withholding of funds by individuals, parishes and dioceses. Upset by the direction of The Episcopal Church, some people have greatly reduced their pledges, or directed their gifts toward specific outreach projects. There are churches that pay only a portion of their diocesan assessments, and dioceses giving only a portion of their apportionments in order to send a message to The Episcopal Church. It hasn't worked.

Yes, the pinch is being felt at 815 Second Avenue or at diocesan headquarters, but what has resulted is the loss of important ministries or the laying off of committed staff people, or even the closing of churches. Instead of leaders trying to change the direction of The Episcopal Church, we're seeing the disappearance of once-vital ministries. In recent weeks we've noticed the elimination or cutbacks of such key components in a diocesan budget as college chaplaincies and youth ministries. Churches are being closed, particularly in urban areas, accompanied by such reasons as population shifts, the "graying" of parishioners, or being unable to afford clergy salaries. As a result, important programs are disappearing while the relentless march to continue the current agenda continues.

We sympathize with those who are frustrated about being told they can no longer believe what Anglicans have always believed. We admire those who feel called to continue their witness to orthodoxy within The Episcopal Church. But it's difficult to stand with those who believe monetary holdouts are going to change the status quo. Their strategies aren't getting through.

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## Silence Makes Sense

The second gathering of "Windsor-compliant" bishops, held at Camp Allen in the Diocese of Texas [p. 8], concluded without release of a statement or communiqué. When many of the same bishops gathered in September at the same site for a consultation, they communicated to the church at large about their time together. The decision not to release a statement from the second meeting should not be viewed as a negative development. With the important meeting of Anglican primates scheduled next month in Tanzania, it is likely that these bishops spent some time looking ahead to that meeting, for there is much that should be on the primates' agenda. Such topics as how the primates will answer The Episcopal Church's tepid response to the Windsor Report, the ongoing concern by those on both sides of the current struggle of foreign bishops crossing diocesan boundaries, and the development of an Anglican Covenant, as proposed by the Windsor Report, should be of interest to those bishops who gathered in Texas as well as to the primates. Most likely it was helpful to the "Windsor bishops" to have input from two foreign primates who participated in the meeting along with the Bishop of Winchester (England). The silence of the bishops is not a reflection on what took place in Texas. Hopefully, the discussions at Camp Allen will provide valuable input for the primates' meeting.



# Opportunities to Serve

**Crossroads or not,  
how we might  
respond to the conflict  
in the church today.**

By John Ruef

**I** was once asked, in my high-church days, why I wasn't a Roman Catholic. My answer was that it had taken me this long to get used to the problems in The Episcopal Church, and I wasn't, at this stage of my life, prepared to start all over again with the problems in the Roman Catholic Church. My answer, though it may have sounded facetious, was not meant to be.

Growing up in The Episcopal Church, something which most of our clergy did not do, afforded me a kind of inside look at the church which one does not get any other way than being in the church for a certain period of time. Experiencing a series of rectors, for instance, makes it quite clear that the shape of things in any given parish is determined, partly by tradition (i.e. we have always done it this way), but also by the conviction, whim, and eccentricity of the incumbent.

I do not know what this new millennium holds in store for The Episcopal Church. It has been called, back at the beginning of the last century, a bridge church, since it seemed to retain elements of both catholic and protestant theology and piety. One suspects that, in any case, it will be quite different from that envisaged by our futurists. I suggest that we need a new analogy to describe what God is up to today.

Is it possible that we are invited to join in a divine experiment? The Episcopal Church, according to those who claim to know about these things, is at a crossroads. I would venture to say that the crossroads is largely imaginary. There have been many situations before which might have been viewed as crossroads, had those who were involved not been so busy solving problems within the church that they did not have the time to look at the "big picture."

The Episcopal Church of today is quite different from the struggling group of souls who in 1789 were attempting to survive as representatives of something they had

## **Is it possible that we are invited to join in a divine experiment?**

known as the Church of England. One can be quite sure that many looked upon the indifference of the Church of England to the plight of the church in the colonies as constituting their death knell as a group claiming to be a part of the Anglican Church. There had been those who left the colonies for other parts of the Empire, which remained loyal to the Crown. I wonder if this situation

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was mentioned when our Presiding Bishop had a chat with the Archbishop of Canterbury concerning our most recent departure from the Anglican norm?

These are sad times within the church. It is always depressing when one person or a group, upset by some change within the parish or diocese, refuses communion with another part of the church in order to express their particular point of view. It is not only sad but counter-productive.

A waggish scholar once said, "Jesus came preaching the kingdom of God. What we got was the Church." That is true. But since the Church from time to time makes changes which it considers legitimate and reasonable in view of certain shifts within in the society in which it must live, there may be understandably a difference of opinion. (The Reformation is probably the best case in point.) The leaders of the Jewish community in Jesus' day faced what was to them a very serious problem: They were fearful, in the face of Jesus' rather cavalier attitude toward the Torah (the first five books of the Old Testament) and possible uprisings within the Jewish community, that the Romans would declare an emergency, use force to put down any uprising and they would lose their positions. The attitude of the Jewish leaders therefore was that the tradition as they interpreted it must be upheld at all cost. The cost turned out to be Jesus.

One might say that this really was a crossroads. What troubled the Jewish leaders was that Jesus criticized what we would call a "fundamentalist" attitude toward the Jewish scripture. We believe that Jesus had some important things to say about and do toward those who were ostracized because they did not or could not observe the Jewish tradition in the manner of certain pious groups. Jesus knew who these "sinners" were. We do not need to ask "What would Jesus do?" We know what he did.

Is it possible that we are granted not a plan of salvation as such, but a series of opportunities to serve? If we take Jesus seriously we can be pretty sure that we were not put here to be in charge or in any kind of place of precedence. He was pretty clear about that — even for himself.

But opportunities we have aplenty. We can gather to make Eucharist. He seemed to think that was a good idea. We can live together in something approaching peace and harmony. We can serve one another. We can try to love one another. We can hang onto his vision of the kingdom of God. Jesus told a lot of stories about that. In our present situation in the church we can do much worse than to be open to the possibilities to serve, since he only asks us to follow him. □

*The Rev. John Ruef is a retired priest who lives in Chatham, Va.*

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# A Matter of Rights

Fr. Zabriskie's tirade against gun ownership [TLC, Dec. 17] and the Second Amendment has stated some far-out polls to back up his Viewpoint regarding how Americans feel about gun control.

The Gallup Poll conducted Oct. 9-12 shows a margin of 47-43 percent of Americans believe having a firearm in the home makes it safer. These numbers represent a 12-percent increase from the same question asked six years ago.

Gallup also asked, "In terms of gun laws in the U.S., which would you prefer to see happen — enforce the current gun laws more strictly and not pass new gun laws, or pass new gun laws in addition to enforcing current laws more strictly? By a 53-43-percent margin Americans voted against passing more gun laws.

By a margin of 2 to 1, Americans — 43 percent of whom reported having a gun in their homes — rejected a ban in handgun possession. When asked the same question by Gallup in 1959, six out of 10 Americans favored a handgun ban.

We live in a world with some nasty people in it who think nothing of taking a life in pursuit of their goals. The number of women now taking self-protection courses and handling firearms is skyrocketing.

If Fr. Zabriskie doesn't want to have a firearm that's his choice, but don't try to take away the rights of others to protect themselves.

*(The Rev.) Robert D. Bohyer  
Carter, Mont.*

## In Praise of Hospitality

The Reader's Viewpoint article by the Rev. Robert Ross [TLC, Jan. 7] encouraging announcements of page numbers during the liturgy is right on target. When I started St. Stephen's, Huntsville, Ala., in 1963, as NASA was working there to put a man on the moon in the decade, many non-Episcopalians joined our congregation. It was important to show the hospitality of announcing page numbers and occasionally giving brief explanations of portions of the service.

The article about parish secretaries in the same issue reminds me of another St. Stephen's I started, in Birmingham, Ala. In 1973, we had no service leaflet so page numbers had to be announced. This also relieved the parish secretary, Grace Burrell, of paperwork so she could spend more time in direct hospitality to newcomers and people who visited the office. She called each member of the congregation by name until there were more than 1,000 of us. Remembering her ministry causes me to disagree with the suggestion in the article that the primary requisite of the secretary is "technical expertise."

Simple hospitality and awareness of individuals is of prime importance as we follow the "downward mobility" methods of Jesus.

*(The Rev.) Douglas M. Carpenter  
Birmingham, Ala.*



## Rogation Overlooked

The news report, "Environmental Abuse Compared to Slavery" [TLC, Jan. 14] really pushed my button! The article reports that the Rt. Rev. James Jones, Bishop of Liverpool, was seeking support for a "green agenda" in the Anglican Communion.

The Episcopal Church needs to renew the observation of Rogation Days — the Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday before the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord — to acknowledge God's ownership of creation, and our stewardship of God's creation. While Rogation is observed in some parishes to the present day, The Episcopal Church abandoned the observance of Rogation 150 years — more or less — ago because there were no farmers in The Episcopal Church. It was considered — then and now — to be an urban, not rural, church.

This is a sad commentary on The Episcopal Church. I daresay that many people who claim there is no need for Rogation today have a vegetable garden, an acre or more in size that they tend after work every day. Others have a garden in the backyard where they raise flowers and/or vegetables.

We care for God's creation as we mow the lawn, grow gardens, or tend a window box. All of these and more are the concerns of the Rogation Days.

The Book of Common Prayer continues its silent witness to the Church's ministry to the environment in the Collects #19, I, II, III (pp. 208 and 258); the lectionary (p. 930), and an assortment of prayers in Prayers and Thanksgivings (p. 814ff).

I guess hope springs eternal that The Episcopal Church will someday celebrate the Rogation Days to honor God's ownership and our stewardship of his creation.

*(The Rev.) John M. Flanigen  
Moundville, Ala.*

## Legitimate Authority

The Rev. Canon John Heidt raised an often unaddressed point in his letter about primatial authority [TLC, Dec. 31], but reaches the wrong conclusion.

In catholic ecclesiology bishops do not exercise their office at large but always in a specific local church or diocese. That is also true (or should also be true) for primates, whether they are titled archbishops, president bishops, presiding bishops, or any other variation thereof. However, the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church are modeled more on the Constitution of the U.S. than on ancient catholic ecclesiology and practice. Thus we have a Presiding Bishop with the functional position externally analogous to a primate, but internally without primatial authority as, for example, in the Church of England.

Our Presiding Bishop has, however, jurisdictional authority over the Convocation of American Churches in Europe and thus she exercises the legitimate authority of a catholic bishop.

As for being addressed "Most Reverend" and carrying a primatial cross in procession, I fail to see that it is an expression of ecclesiastical schizophrenia. It simply indicates that form follows function.

*(The Rev.) Bjorn Marcussen  
St. Philip-the-Apostle Church  
Lemon Grove, Calif.*

## Why They Left

I respond to the editorial, "Costly Losses in Virginia" [TLC, Jan. 14].

"The unprecedented exodus of nearly 10,000 Episcopalians from the Diocese of Virginia" is sorrowful and shameful. The editorial attributes this to the erosion of the authority of scripture, to leftward leanings of the church's leaders, and to the New Hampshire consecration. In my opinion this exodus is due to an unwillingness to belong to an inclusive church. I feel sad for the lay members who have been badly misled, and I pray that they will return to the fold.

*(The Very Rev.) H.L. Whittemore, Jr.  
Middlebury, Vt.*

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sign the letter affirming her commitment to the Windsor Report that was sent to her colleagues in the House of Bishops was a personal one and based on her vow to maintain the unity of the church.

"The Windsor Report does not change any of the policies for the process of ordination as set forth in our diocese, nor the manner of calling priests to serve our churches," Bishop Wolf said. "When the world is in such disarray, where governments settle disputes on the battlefield, where children suffer from cruelty and abuse, where the environment is exploited, the Church must witness to reconciliation."

Convention approved parish status for St. Augustine's, Kingston. Bishop Wolf commended the congregation for three consecutive years of "revitalized ministry and mission, a healthy budget that includes apportionment giving, and the faithful and skilled leadership of a full-time vicar, soon to become rector."

St. Paul's, North Kingston, and St. Peter's, Narragansett, were recognized for celebrating the 300th anniversary of their founding. The Rev. Michael Kinman, executive director of Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation, was the keynote speaker.

**'Missionary Community'**

Each congregation in the Diocese of Oregon "is a unique and gifted mission field," said the Rt. Rev. Johncy Itty,

**BISHOP MacDONALD**  
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for a bishop to Canada's First Nations peoples.

"I see this as one of the most important positions in the church," Bishop MacDonald said at the press conference. "This is a transformational step not only for aboriginal Anglicans, but also for the whole church. I can see lots of headaches, but also tremendous potential for the whole church in Canada and abroad."

Following the announcement, Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori said she is "grateful" Bishop MacDon-

Bishop of Oregon, in his address to the diocesan convention, Nov. 9-11, at the Salem Conference Center.

Bishop Itty stressed the importance of the diocese being a "missionary community" of many cultures and languages. "It is my hope that we will endeavor to promote renewal and transformation by focusing on those areas of ministry that represent the priorities of the wider church: children, youth, young adults; promoting reconciliation and evangelism among ourselves and with others; congregational transformation and spiritual renewal; encouraging ministries of peace and justice; partnership in ministry — local, regional, national, global."

Among other resolutions approved, convention recognized the harmful effects in the use of fossil fuels and encouraged the use of "environmentally safe and sustainable energy sources"; and designated a minimum of 0.7 percent of the diocesan budget, beginning in 2008, for work to achieve the Millennium Development Goals.

Convention approved the creation of two committees of the commission on ministry with responsibility for baptismal ministry development and ordained ministry development. This was in response to the 2003 General Convention's change to the canons requiring each diocese to affirm and develop the ministry of all baptized persons.

The proposed budget was amended in order to reduce diocesan assessments for small churches that struggle with day-to-day finances. A budget of \$2.1 million was approved for 2007.

ald will continue his ministry in Navajoland, and thankful for "his faithful and creative ministry among native peoples" and for "his willingness to explore a new model of episcopal ministry among the First Nations people of Canada."

Bishop MacDonald's non-geographic jurisdiction would be akin to Canada's Bishop to the Armed Forces, a Church of Canada spokesperson noted.

"It's important to remember that we elect bishops for the church," Archbishop Hutchison noted. "We don't elect bishops for national jurisdictions."

(The Rev.) George Conger



## PEOPLE & PLACES

### Appointments

The Rev. **Bob Smith** is rector of St. Mark's, PO Box 337, Perryville, MD 21903.

The Rev. **Margaret Sterchi** is rector of St. John's, 1704 Old Black Horse Pike, Chews Landing, NJ 08012.

The Rev. **Carolyn Stevenson** is rector of St. David's, 231 Main St., Salem, NH 03079.

The Rev. **Richard Tardiff** is rector of St. John's and St. Andrew's, PO Box 767, Southwest Harbor, ME 04679

The Rev. **Stephen Voysey** is rector of St. Peter's, 320 Boston Post Rd., Weston, MA 02493-1540.

The Rev. **Raewynne J. Whiteley** is rector of St. James', 490 N Country Rd., St. James, NY 11780.

The Ven. Canon **Howard K. Williams** is archdeacon of Brooklyn, Diocese of Long Island, 4301 Avenue D., Brooklyn, NY 11203.

### Resignations

The Rev. **Judy Baldwin**, as rector of House of Prayer, Newark, NJ.

The Rev. **Patrick Barker**, as missionary at Pine Ridge, SD.

The Rev. **Mac Flowers**, as rector of Christ Church, St. Mary's, GA.

### Retirements

The Rev. **Chuck Bennett**, as rector of St. Thomas', Thomasville, GA.

The Rev. **Travis DuPriest**, as executive director of the DeKoven Center, Racine, WI.

The Rev. **Robert Keaten**, as rector of St. Andrew's, Lincoln Park, NJ.

The Rev. Canon **Barbara D.C. Mudge**, as vicar of St. John's, Bandon, OR, and ecumenical officer for the Diocese of Oregon, Portland, OR.

The Rev. **S. Burtner Ulrich**, as rector of St. John's, Getty Square, Yonkers, NY.

### Deaths

**Leonard Campbell, Jr.**, former treasurer of the Living Church Foundation, died Dec. 20 in Milwaukee. Mr. Campbell, 79, was a resident of Bayside, WI.

Mr. Campbell was a member of the Board of Directors of the Living Church Foundation during the 1980s and 90s. He was the founder and president of Campbell Newman Asset Management of Mequon, WI. He was an active member of St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee, and in recent years, St. Christopher's, River Hills, WI. He is survived by his wife, Kay; two daughters, Carla Bartlett and Mary Brown; two grandchildren; and a sister, Virginia Wilson.

The Rev. **Charles E. Canady, Jr.**, 89, of Jacksonville, FL, died Nov. 30 in Jacksonville, FL.

A native of Wilmington, NC, he was a graduate of Johns Hopkins University, Temple University, Princeton Theological Seminary,

and Union (NY) Theological Seminary. He was a chaplain in World War II, then was ordained deacon in 1948 and priest in 1949. Fr. Canady was rector of St. John's, Frostburg, and St. Peter's, Lonaconing, MD, 1949-51; rector of St. John's, Mobile, AL, 1966-69; rector of Good Shepherd, Asheboro, NC, 1969-74; and rector of St. Andrew's, Tampa, FL, 1974-84. He was involved in interim ministries in the Diocese of Southwest Florida during his retirement. He was chair of the committee on ecumenical relations in the Diocese of Easton and a member of the board of examining chaplains in the Diocese of Mississippi. Fr. Canady is survived by his wife, Jane; three children; 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The Rev. **Noel Knelange**, 62, first woman ordained to the priesthood in the Diocese of Oregon, died Dec. 8 of complications from cancer.

She was born in San Diego and educated at California Western University and Seabury-Western Theological Seminary. Ms. Knelange was ordained deacon in 1968 and priest in 1982. She served most of her ordained ministry at St. Hilda's Church, Monmouth, OR, where she was vicar since 1982. She also assisted at St. Andrew's, La Mesa, CA; and in Oregon at St. Mark's, Medford; Trinity, Ashland; Good Samaritan, Corvallis; and St. Barnabas', Portland. She is survived by her husband, Deacon William Mosier.

The Rev. **Justus Richard Van Houten**, SSF, principal and faculty member of Newton Theological College, died suddenly Dec. 13 while traveling in Papua New Guinea. He was 58.

A native of Staunton, VA, Br. Justus was graduated from West Virginia Wesleyan University. He pursued his religious vocation at the Motherhouse of the Society of St. Francis and made his first profession of vows there in 1977. He served in several positions of leadership in the community, including minister provincial of the American Province, which he held for two terms. Following study at Union Theological Seminary (NY) he was ordained deacon in the Diocese of New York. He served at two parishes in San Francisco and at the Episcopal Church Center in New York City. Br. Justus was a former president of the North American Association for the Diaconate and was a member of Episcopal Communicators.

*Other clergy deaths as reported by Church Pension Fund:*

<b>David C. Anger</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>Chicago, IL</b>
<b>John R. Campbell</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>Winston-Salem, NC</b>
<b>George A. Day</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>Edmond, OK</b>
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### POSITIONS OFFERED

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**FULL-TIME RECTOR:** *St. Thomas Church, Windsor, NC*. A community of Christians who are called through prayer and study to worship God, care for others and reach out to the world is searching for an energetic leader to spiritually guide our growing parish. Our new rector will possess strong preaching, pastoral and organizational skills, a passion for Christian teaching and the ability to relate to all segments of the church and local community. Leadership is key for our chosen rector as he or she will guide us in achieving our goals and vision for St. Thomas. Windsor is a charming, northeastern town nestled between the Roanoke and Chowan Rivers, about 40 miles north of Greenville. An outdoorsman's paradise offering sailing, hunting and other cultural activities, Windsor is also a short drive to the Outer Banks! If you have Carolina on your mind, we encourage you to contact our **Search Committee, St. Thomas Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 400, Windsor, NC 27983** or E-mail: [billhazelgrove@yahoo.com](mailto:billhazelgrove@yahoo.com).

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## POSITIONS OFFERED

**FULL-TIME RECTOR:** *St. James Episcopal Church, Mesilla Park (Las Cruces), NM.* St. James Church is seeking a full-time rector to lead our parish. Our parish is centered on Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, and stand together in seeing the Bible as God's Word written. We seek an orthodox, experienced, Spirit-led, energetic rector for our parish of approximately 400 baptized members to further develop our existing programs and our family / youth ministries. St. James holds two services each Sunday (Rite I 8am and Rite II 10:30am) for a combined attendance of about 200 plus a smaller Wednesday morning (10am) service. The parish is united theologically and sound financially. St. James is located adjacent to the New Mexico State University campus, which has historically been very involved with the parish. A summary profile of the parish is available on request. Please contact the search committee chair: **Jim Libbin, 2081 Desert Willow Court, Las Cruces, NM 88011-4990.** E-mail: [jlibbin@nmsu.edu](mailto:jlibbin@nmsu.edu).

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## POSITIONS OFFERED

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To learn more about this position, Gethsemane and the Fargo community, please be sure to visit our website at [www.gethsemanecathedral.org](http://www.gethsemanecathedral.org).

Interested parties should send a detailed cover letter and resume to: **Richard P. Anderson, Chairman, Gethsemane Cathedral Search Committee, 3600 25th St. S, Fargo, ND 58104.** E-mail inquiries are welcome at: [richard.p.anderson@hotmail.com](mailto:richard.p.anderson@hotmail.com). Applications will be reviewed immediately upon receipt. Applications accepted through February 18, 2007.

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## SEMINARY POSITIONS

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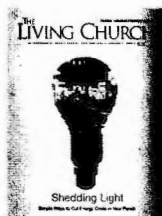
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