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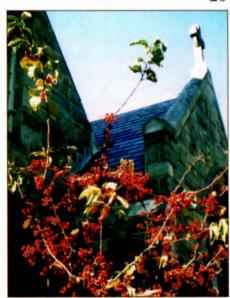
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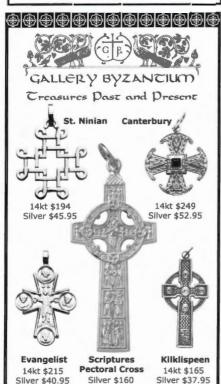
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SUNDAY'S READINGS

The Spiritual Guide into All Truth

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth' (John 16:12a)

First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday (Year C), June 3, 2007

BCP: Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29 or Canticle 2 or 13; Rev. 4:1-11; John 16:(5-11) 12-15 **RCL**: Prov. 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8 or Canticle 2 or 13; Rom. 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

In his Last Supper discourse, John unlocks the mystery of the Holy Spirit as the Spirit of love that is with us always. In today's reading Jesus speaks not only to his disciples but also to all who wait for the coming of the Advocate through the ages. When he tells the disciples, "I have much more to say to you," Jesus does not simply mean spoken words or information about their mission, but something deeper and richer about the life of God in their midst. For Jesus has one thing and one thing only to reveal: love itself, the love he shares with Father and Spirit, the love which is, more precisely, his relationship with God, his Father.

The Spirit of truth is the One to lead us to the complete truth. This truth is not theological truth or truth about life in the world. Rather, the truth is the truth of God as enduring presence, the awe-inspiring mystery of God who is infinitely far away and infinitely close to us at the same time. This truth is wisdom, the truth of our deepest selves both hidden within us and hidden from us by our own self-will, by our own egoselves, the very opposite of the Spirit of God. Only in the Spirit will all things, all that belongs to Jesus the Son, be

revealed by the Father.

John uses the word "truth" more than 20 times. Still our text for today shows John was sensitive to the deep subtleties and ambiguities of truth bearing. He understood very well the power of truth to hurt as well as heal, to oppress as well as liberate.

As the Father has glorified Jesus, so the Spirit continues to glorify Jesus by making the glory of God visible in Christ's body. The glory of God continues in the Church, the community of Jesus united of the risen Christ. Christ remains with his Church as Spirit, as the Church's one foundation that transcends the ravaging disunity of history and the self-righteousness of human hearts.

As Jesus prays for the Father to glorify him, so too his disciples, his body, must pray for the same glorification. Yet, there can be no glory without suffering, no joy without sorrow, no resurrection without cross. No wonder Jesus knew it was too much for the disciples then. No wonder without the Advocate present in our souls and in our churches, could we begin to accept the "complete truth" that is God among us.

Look It Up

The hymn, "I Bind Unto Myself Today," (370, *Hymnal 1982*) reminds us of our ever-present Lord with, within, behind, before, and beside us.

Think About It

In today's classic farewell address, Jesus is saying goodbye to his disciples. How have we handled the goodbyes of life? What does it mean to say goodbye well?

Next Sunday

The Second Sunday After Pentecost (Year C), June 10, 2007

BCP: 1 Kings 17:17-24; Psalm 30 or 30:1-6, 12-13; Gal. 1:11-24; Luke 7:11-17 **RCL**: 1 Kings 17:8-16, (17-24) or 1 Kings 17:17-24; Psalm 146 or Psalm 30; Gal. 1:11-24; Luke 7:11-17

Light in a Burning-Glass

A Systematic Presentation of Austin Farrer's Theology

By Robert Boak Slocum. University of South Carolina Press. Pp. 132. \$34.95. ISBN 1570036691.

Anyone who was a close friend of C.S. Lewis, as Austin Farrer was, always has at least a second reason for fame and importance. Austin Farrer, considered by Lewis to be his pastor, his priest, was, in and of his own right, a theological force with which one needed to reckon.

Farrer was considered by many to be the most outstanding and important Anglican theologian of the 20th century. The current Archbishop of Canterbury considers him "possibly the greatest Anglican mind," of the previous century. Being a voluminous writer and frequent preacher and lecturer, he left a wealth of written material from which Robert Slocum gathers many and pertinent fragments.

Attempting a systematic presentation of Farrer, I believe, Slocum gives

us a synthetic presentation of his subject, giving us a whole fabric rather than a systematic analysis. This is what Slocum is wont to do, knowing his other fine works and compilations, especially of William Stringfellow [Prophet of Justice, Prophet of Life]. Slocum is at his best introducing us to a man with whom many of us on the American "side of the

pond" are unfamiliar. But Slocum provides a remedy for this unfamiliarity with a fine work. The amazing fact is that he does it so well in 132 pages.

Slocum celebrates the humanity of Farrer. Though an outstanding mind and a learned scholar, he, according to Brian Hebblethwaite, "carried (it) so easily." The breadth and depth of this man's faith and theology grew from his normalcy. There is a real sense that one is being introduced to a magnificent theologian who is merely human. (One wonders if he might be C.S. Lewis' inspiration for *Mere Christianity*). Coupling the "mind of the philosopher" with the "spirit of a poet," Farrer is seen as unarguably relevant to the demands of the modern seeker.

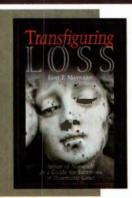
Here we find a pastor, preacher, academic theologian, and friend. These alone are not what make him noteworthy, but rather that these are married together in the 20th century with a radical orthodoxy that took seriously the canon of holy scripture and the Anglican prayer book tradition. He models Dorothy Sayers' declaration that "the doctrine is the drama." The drama of salvation history for Farrer is that which is culminated in the incarnation which makes God pertinent and avail-

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(Continued from previous page) able to humanity. There is no doubt as to his orthodoxy.

But there is more. Farrer is a "highchurchman" without consciously flaunting this conviction. He makes the sacraments so natural that there is little with which to argue when one reads his approach.

These realities of man and message are what make Slocum's book so appealing and satisfying. Appealing in that one makes a new pastoral friend in Austin Farrer; satisfying in that the reader is taken deeper into Christianity than the current debates within the church take us. Slocum is successful if he desires us to want to get to know Farrer better. I have reached out to various websites for copies of his books, for Slocum has made me want more of Farrer, who as a popular pastor, priest, and academic, made people know the love of God and the salvation in Christ, without compromise and without force. A life lived for God may still be the best apologetic, the most successful evangelism. A light in a burning-glass cannot be hidden.

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A Secular Faith

Why Christianity Favors the Separation of Church and State

By **Darryl Hart**. Ivan R. Dee. Pp. 273, \$26.95. ISBN 1-56663-576-4.

Far from a standard-issue "Keep-your-prayers-to-yourself" screed against public Christianity; devoid of the currently popular "Christianity-is-beyond-politics-so-here's-my-left-wing-prescription-for-everything" cride cour; free of the "God-wants-you-to-show-them-pagan-commies-a-thing-ortwo" red meat appeal. Darryl Hart's book issues a bracing challenge to Christian political involvement from a purely Christian standpoint.

The author argues that Christianity may be many things to many people, but it has no business being thought of as useful. To enlist the faith for political purposes, whether right, left or supposedly "beyond" either, is to trivialize Christianity's most important claims. An evangelical well versed in



American history, the author takes note of the tendency of the Christian gospel's unique claims to be compromised by its being put to political use, whether

in the current era or any time in the last 250 years or so. Examples from multiple periods of American history abound. Any Christian will find himself challenged by this erudite book.

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Pray Without Ceasing

Revitalizing Pastoral Theology
By Deborah van Deusen Hunsinger. Eerdmans. Pp. 264. \$18. ISBN 0-8028-4759-5.

Princeton professor Deborah van Deusen Hunsinger contends that to be effective, Christian pastoral care must be theologically informed and conducted in a spirit of reverence. She uses Paul's exhortation to the Thessalonians to "pray without ceasing" as the catalyst for this book, a guide for clergy to the process of listening, discerning, and offering intercessory prayer for persons in crisis.

Hunsinger begins with an overview of what she calls the essence of a caregiving relationship: listening to God (*lectio divina*), to others (empathetic listening) and to ourselves (reflection). She then offers a detailed look at prayers of petition, intercession, confession, lament and thanks-

giving. Scriptural and scholarly explanatory citations are included for each, as are examples of these prayers.

A secondary goal of *Pray Without Ceasing* is to give clergy the tools to train members of the congregation in the ministries of mutual prayer and pastoral care, for "just as God uses the human words of Scripture ... God also uses the community's stumbling efforts to pray to provide ongoing care and

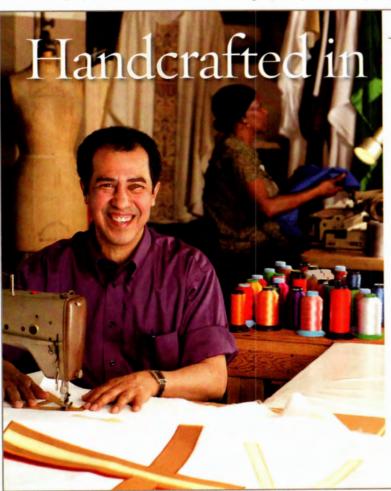
nurture." The book concludes with ideas and exercises for clergy who wish to use the text in training lay pas-

toral care ministers. Examples of actual pastoral conversations and a case study are analyzed in detail.

While writing this book, the author was receiving pastoral care as she recovered from emergency surgery. The nearness of that experience may be one reason why she is able to write about this subject so deftly and movingly. It would

have been easy to get bogged down with psychological research findings, but Hunsinger keeps the intimate and prayerful nature of Christian pastoral care at the fore. That approach makes this a helpful resource for parishes looking to focus an "after-EFM" group, considering Stephen Ministry training, or equipping clergy and lay members for effective pastoral care ministry.

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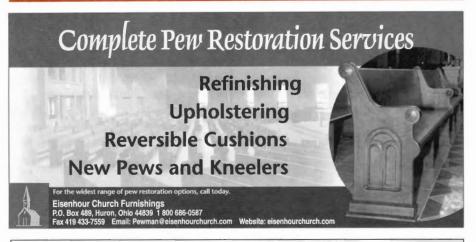
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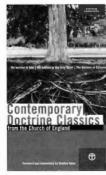
Contemporary Doctrine Classics from the Church of England

Commentary by **Stephen Sykes**. Church House Publishing. Pp. 512. \$38. ISBN 0-7151-4045-0.

No church of the Anglican Communion produces better reports on theology and church life than the Church of England. For many years these reports have formed some of the best "official"

theological reflection in the Communion.

But in respect to the reports of the Doctrine Commission, there is colorful history here to remember. In 1976, in an age of creativity, (the Gloucester Report on homosexuality was published three years later), the commission



published *Christian Believing*, the first such report since the equally significant report *Doctrine in the Church of England*, published almost 40 years earlier. Written by some of the most influential theologians in the Church of England at the time, it proved to be deeply unsettling and created quite a stir, for it revealed a wide-ranging series of emphases, and even disagreements, among the theologians on the commission.

Almost immediately the Doctrine Commission was completely reconstituted and given the charge to write another report, more conventional, more committed to finding a unified way of speaking of Christian belief. So in 1981 followed *Believing in the Church: The Corporate Nature of Faith*, produced by a commission that was comprised of theologians who were no less high-powered than the group that preceded it. Among them was a young — and as yet unknown — Cambridge chaplain named N.T. Wright.

The present volume gathers together helpfully between the covers of one book the three reports that followed: We Believe in God (1985), We Believe in the Holy Spirit (1989), and The Mystery of Salvation (1995).

Taken together, these six reports, from 1938 to 1995, constitute a remark-

able witness to contemporary conversation on the nature of the Christian faith. For they show how Anglicans wrestle with, and explore, doctrine, as much as they attest to what Anglicans believe. This is a unique contribution to Christian discourse.

(The Very Rev.) Peter Eaton Denver, Colo.

In the Wake of Disaster Religious Responses to Terrorism & Catastrophe

By **Harold G. Koenig, M.D.** Templeton Foundation Press. Pp. 162, \$19.95. ISBN 978-1-932031-99-7.

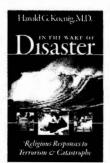
September 11 and Hurricane Katrina spotlighted the importance of churches as first responding institutions. Harold G. Koenig, M.D., founder and co-director of Duke University's Center for Spirituality, Theology and Health, in his latest book, *In the Wake of Disaster*, gives clergy and lay people a road map for effective disaster

and terrorism response within the greater matrix of disaster response organizations.

In the Wake of Disaster examines important topics so that church leaders get both a macro and micro view of dis-

aster and terrorism responses. The book examines the following essential topics: Understanding how a victim normally responds to trauma; understanding how national, state, and local emergency management systems work; affirming how religion helps victims cope with trauma; describing how local and national churches already respond to disasters; listing how churches and dioceses can coordinate with local emergency responders; and how to develop a disaster plan.

Koenig argues that church organizations provide unique disaster response services. He notes that churches provide material, psychological and spiritual services at times of disasters, and

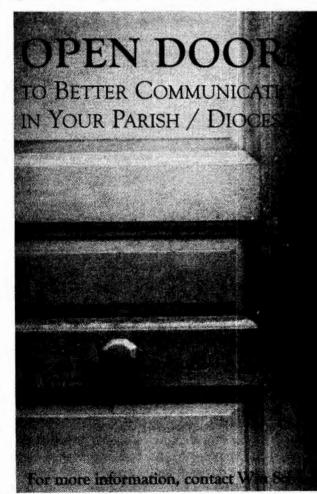


mentions that churches continue to provide these services long after EMS services have finished with their work. From church leaders who are often first responders to long-term

spiritual support, church organizations provide services that, when coordinated with local mental health and crisis counselors, give victims comprehensive support through a trauma.

This book is a critical resource for clergy, parishes and dioceses. It is essential reading for those churches that do not yet have a disaster or terrorism response plan. For churches that already have plans made and those that need to develop plans, both will find that Koenig methodically presents the steps that will allow clergy and their parishes to be ready to effectively respond to victims of a disaster or act of terrorism.

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BEING SALT: A Theology of an Ordered Church. By George R. Sumner. Cascade. Pp. 110. \$15. ISBN 1-55635-091-0.

George R. Sumner, principal of Wycliffe College, Toronto, examines

the ordained ministry from an important dimension: ordination for life. He poses what he calls a seemingly minor and technical question: Why ordination for life? His exploration of





the definition of priesthood is thought-provoking.

WELCOME TO THE BIBLE. By Vicki K. Black and Peter W. Wenner. Morehouse. Pp. 122. \$12.95. ISBN 0819222364.

A deacon from Maine and a priest from Massachusetts have taken on an important task: to make the Bible more accessible and intelligible. It's a terrific introduction to scripture for those who are unfamiliar with it, and those already involved in Bible study will find such chapters as "How do We Know What the Bible Says?" and "The Bible in the Prayer Book" to be helpful.

PREACHING WHAT WE PRACTICE: Proclamation and Moral Discernment. By David J. Schlafer and Timothy F. Sedgwick. Morehouse. Pp. 176. \$19.95. ISBN 0-8192-2218-6.

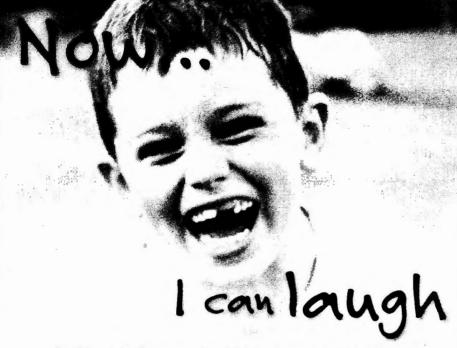
Those who preach and those who listen to sermons probably would agree that it is important for the church to preach moral discernment. In this book, a consultant on homiletics and a seminary professor of ethics present what they call "some resources for preaching that address moral crises in terms of Christian faith." Such crises as 9/11 and Hurricane Katrina are used as examples of the need to address moral discernment.

LIKE TREES WALKING: In the Second Half of Life. By Jane Sigloh. Cowley. Pp. 144. \$13.95. ISBN 1-56101-290-4.

Jane Sigloh, a retired priest, offers short meditations on aging. She writes with wisdom and humor and seems to be able to find something holy in the most mundane, menial tasks. Her chapter on wrestling with retirement will seem familiar to many, and "Side by Side" is a poignant reflection on friends.

FROM LOSS TO HOPE. By David L. James. Forward Movement. Pp. 77. \$12.95. ISBN 0-88028-273-8.

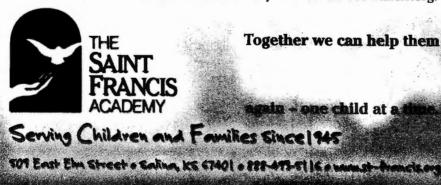
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for guidance and strength. He offers reflections on a wide variety of subjects from loss of job to loss of faith, closing each with a quote from a hymn. Those who read this little book are bound to have a new appreciation for the hymnal.

IRAQ: Searching for Hope. By Andrew White. Continuum. Pp. 192. \$14.95. ISBN 0-826-49716-0.

The vicar of St. George's Memorial Church in Baghdad, who also serves as international director of the Iraqi Institute of Peace, offers an intimate look at daily life in Iraq in this update of his 2005 book of the same name. Canon White's new material includes an insider's account of the trial of Saddam Hussein, the abduction and disappearance of St. George's vestry, and harrowing hostage crises.

MANDATE TO DIFFERENCE: An Invitation to the Contemporary Church. By Walter Brueggemann. Westminster John Knox. Pp. x+215. \$19.95. ISBN 0-664-23121-7.

The noted theologian presents a series of essays on the contemporary church based on oral presentations he made during 2005. Two of them were delivered at gatherings of Episcopal bishops. His message: The church must set itself in tension with the rest of the world.

A NEW SONG FOR AN OLD WORLD: Musical Thought in the Early Church. By Calvin R. Stapert. Eerdmans. Pp. 246. \$18. ISBN 978-0-8028-3219-1.

Those who engage in battle over various forms of church music may be surprised to learn that there were conflicts about music among the earliest Christians. The author, professor of music at Calvin College, presents

some fascinating research. Those who are interested in recovering the practices of the early church should read this.

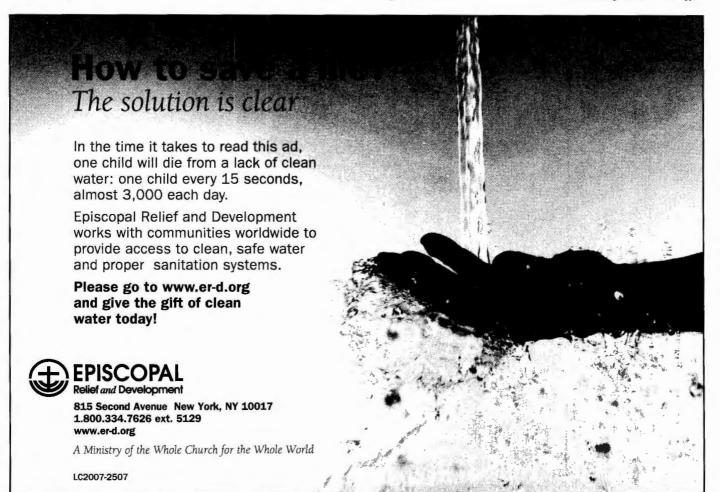
A MULTITUDE OF BLESSINGS: A Christian Approach to Religious Diversity. By Cynthia M. Campbell. Westminster John Knox. Pp. 118. \$14.95. ISBN 0-664-22956-5.



This book addresses important questions. particularly how can one affirm faith in Jesus Christ and live in religious diversity? The author, president of McCormick Theological Seminary, addresses

these questions from a theological basis yet relates the answers to practical concerns.

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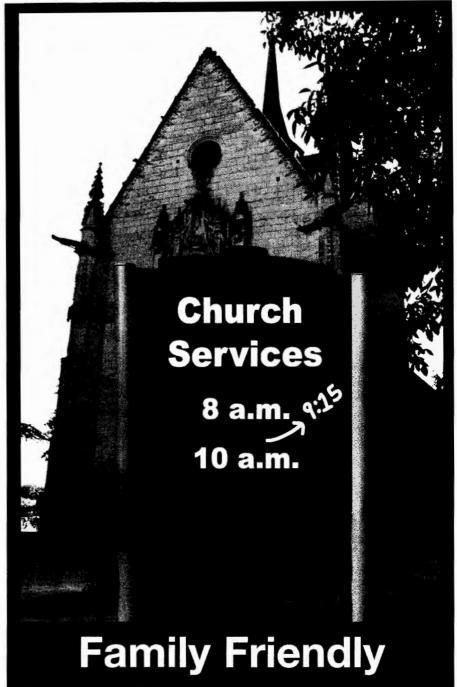
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Consider carefully whether to add a third service

By Robert M. Ross

ccording to the Rev. Charles N. Fulton III, The Episcopal Church's director of congregational development, the average age of an Episcopalian is estimated to be 57 years old. The future of our denomination is dependent upon us lowering that number substantially. One proven way to attract younger members is to create a service that is more in tune with them and their young children. In church parlance this is often referred to as a "third service" or "family service." This approach has both merits and pitfalls.

St. Paul's Church, Alexandria, Va., had an incredible reputation in the Mid-Atlantic area in the early '90s. Many people had told me that it was the only nonevangelical church in the Diocese of Virginia that was growing dramatically. Since church growth was a passion of mine, I applied to be the rector's third ordained assistant. By the grace of God I was called and found that one of the keys to St. Paul's success was, in part, the addition of a third service, in between its 8 and 10 a.m. services. In fact, the 10 had to be moved to 11 a.m. to accommodate the new 9:15 service. This also allowed St. Paul's the chance to offer a common education hour when children and adults could attend Christian education classes.

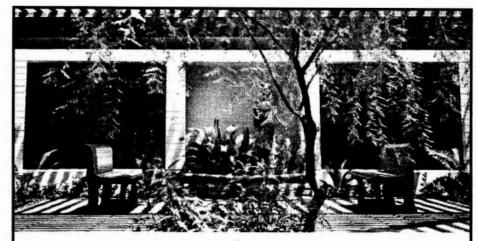
The rector, the Rev. Geoffrey Hoare. explained that it was a difficult job convincing some in the church that this service was a good idea. One veteran parishioner said, "We've had a 10 o'clock service since 1820, and we sure as heck aren't changing now!" But the rector persisted, knowing that there were many young families in the community that weren't attracted by the Rite I 8 a.m. service, nor were they fed by the very traditional Rite II, 1982 hymnal service at 10. If St. Paul's was to grow, the rector reasoned, it must have a new family service between the others.

When I arrived, the pastoral work had been done and the large crowds at the 9:15 service convinced many that it was a good idea. The service featured kid-friendly hymns from *The Hymnal 1982* and both an adult homily as well as a children's version of the same. Soon we found loyal 10 o'clockers slipping into the back of the church during the family service. When asked, they would often say, tongue in cheek, that they understood the sermons better at that service.

My next call took me to another diocese. While attending a clergy conference, I was approached by a fellow rector who said, "I am thinking of adding a third service and I understand that you have some experience with a 9 a.m. family service." I told him that was true and we spent the next few breaks discussing the introduction of a third service at his church. I shared with him all that I could think of and sent him on his way. I promised myself that I'd check in with him periodically to see how he was doing.

Ironically, I was called to a parish in California that already had a third service, wedged tightly in between the 8 and 10. But I considered myself fortunate that I wouldn't have to hear

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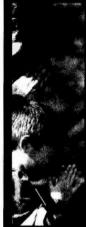
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from veteran parishioners about how many years there had been a 10 o'clock service at their church.

Thanks to a very talented director of Christian education, Sally Mancini, our 9 a.m. service, though not well attended, was state-of-the-art modern liturgy. Virtually every dimension of the service reflected the latest in research in childhood development. For example, when the bishop challenged us to add a confession to the service, we bought a few hundred polished stones, and when they arrived



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we gave one to each parishioner. When it came time for the confession. I asked them to: 1. hold the stone up to their hearts; 2. think of all the bad things that they did that past week; and 3. then squeeze them into their stones. Then the people came forward, gently placed their stones in a translucent bowl, and when everyone had deposited their rocks, I poured holy water over them, saying a prayer forgiving them of their sins. Even the youngest members could see the powerful imagery.

Within a few months of my arrival, the service began to grow rapidly. It was the kind of growth clergy love. Most of our newcomers came on the elbows of existing members. People loved the service so much that they invited their friends to join them. People were telling us that our family service was growing because we were the only church they investigated that didn't say "send your kids to the nursery and you go sit in there without them."

We offered them a worship service where every member of their family could participate together. Monday through Saturday they were without their kids, but on Sunday morning at our church it was different.

Then came disaster: Our family service at 9 drew more people at Easter then our so-called "main Service" at 10. Shock waves reverberated through the parish. Long-time members began to worry. Would the rector spend more time with these new families? Would the tail start wagging the dog? Would these young upstarts run for the vestry and take over our church? I describe this as a disaster because I didn't hear the fears and concerns right away. I was just doing what I thought Christ wanted me to do - grow his church and I couldn't imagine anyone not loving our moving service.

Checking back with my clergy colleague, I learned that some in his parish were highly critical of their new, family service. Like ours, attendance grew rapidly. The old-timers complained constantly about the interlopers that were invading their colonial church. They thought of the family service as Christian-Lite. They couldn't see it as modern, liturgical evolution. They didn't see the attendees of this service as the next generation's vestry members. They only saw the service as a threat to the very traditional status quo.

Most "third" services are crafted by a rector and liturgy committee who seek to create a liturgy that is accessible to young children and their parents. Including 18th-century hymns, long adult sermons and archaic language (thou shalt vouchsafe to bless ...) is not a way to reach out to young adults and children and bring them into our church. The best way is to create a family-friendly service that features age-appropriate variations. And using the rubric that it is better to add than to change, adding a third service can be the best way to reach out to the younger community and lower that average age by decades.

The Rev. Robert M. Ross is chaplain at Wooster School in Danbury, Conn.





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VTS Appoints New Dean

The Board of Trustees of Virginia Theological Seminary announced May 16 that Ian Markham has been appointed dean and president of the institution in Alexandria, Va., effective Aug. 1. Dr. Markham will succeed the Very Rev. Martha Horne, who is retiring after 13 years as dean and president.



Dr Markham

Dr. Markham has been dean of Hartford Seminary, and professor of theology and ethics since August 2001. Prior to moving to Connecticut, he was foundation dean and Liverpool professor of theology and public life at Liverpool Hope University in Liverpool, England, from 1998 to 2001.

As a theologian and ethicist, Dr. Markham has taught courses at the graduate level in Christian theology and religious diversity, historical theology, worship and spirituality. He is the author of numerous publications, including *Do Morals Matter: A Guide to Contemporary Religious Ethics* (Blackwell, 2007), A Theology of Engagement (Blackwell, 2003), Truth and Reality of God (T & T Clark, 1998), and Phurality and Christian Ethics (Cambridge University Press, 1994). He is a candidate for holy orders in the Diocese of Connecticut, and is scheduled to be ordained to the diaconate June 9.

Dr. Markham holds a Ph.D. in Christian ethics from the University of Exeter, an M. Litt in philosophy and ethics from the University of Cambridge, and Bachelor of Divinity in theology from the University of London. He and his wife, Lesley, have one son, Luke.

Ex-Governor Requests Change to His Seminary Status

After being advised of the guidelines for ordination in the Diocese of New York, former New Jersey Gov. James E. McGreevey has decided to enter the General Theological Seminary in September as a full-time, non-degree student rather than as a student in the Master of Divinity program.

The change was initiated by Mr. McGreevey, according to the Very Rev. Ward B. Ewing, dean of General. The classes and course work are identical, and the change does not rule out the possibility of his entering the discernment process at a later date.

"This change was made to be really clear that Mr. McGreevey was not in the discernment process," said Dean Ewing. "He would still like to be considered for the discernment process at some point in the future."

While in office, Mr. McGreevey described himself as a devoted Roman Catholic. He was formally received into The Episcopal Church at St. Bartholomew's Church in Manhattan on April 29, but he has been regularly attending an Episcopal church for several years, Dean Ewing said. He has only recently become familiar with the requirements that must be met prior to admission to the discernment process.

Stewardship Consultant Elected Bishop of Olympia

The Rev. Gregory Rickel, 43, rector of St. James' Church, Austin, Texas, was elected Bishop of Olympia at a special convention May 12 at St. Mark's Cathedral, Seattle.

Needing 185 votes in the lay order and 104 in the clergy order, Fr. Rickel received 224 lay votes and 106 clergy votes on the third ballot. The nearest challenger was the Rev. Jeffrey D. Lee, rector of St. Thomas', Medina, Wash., who received 145 lay votes and 101 from the clergy.



Robert R. Chapman, Jr. photo Fr. Rickel at Trinity, Seattle.

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Three other candidates withdrew after the second ballot: the Rev. Richard A. Burnett, rector of Trinity, Columbus, Ohio; the Rt. Rev. Bavi Edna (Nedi) Rivera, Bishop Suffra-

gan of Olympia; and the Rev. Angela F. Shepherd, rector of St. Philip's, Annapolis, Md.

Bishop Rivera said after the election that she may choose not to continue as bishop suffragan in Olympia. Tom Boyns, a lay delegate to convention, said that Bishop Rivera was called by the

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Shepherd	6	18	1	7	withdrev	

diocese for a specific purpose as suffragan. "That purpose is just as valid today as it was then," he said.

The Rev. Rachel Tabor-Hamilton, co-chair of the bishop search committee, said the Diocese of Olympia needs Bishop Rivera even more now. Having heard the people's history, insights, and stories, "she carries our hopes forward to the new bishop."

Rector of St. James' since 2001, Fr. Rickel has been a consultant for the stewardship office of The Episcopal Church since 1997 and has also consulted in Texas, Mississippi, Arkansas, Alabama, Michigan, Oregon and Kentucky as well as in other denominations, on such topics as initiating comprehensive stewardship programs, working better as a team, diversity, communications and evangelism. He and his wife, Marti, have one son, Austin.

Pending consents from a majority of standing committees and bishops with jurisdiction, Fr. Rickel will be consecrated Sept. 15 at Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue. The Rt. Rev. Vincent W. Warner previously announced his intention to resign upon the consecration of his successor, at which time he will have served 18 years as diocesan.

Robert R. Chapman, Jr.

Western Michigan Congregation Will Rebuild After Fire

St. James' Church, Albion, Mich., sustained extensive damage to its roof and 120-year-old stained-glass windows during a fire May 10.

Firefighters notified the Rev. Ed Scully, rector, around 5 a.m. He stood outside and watched firefighters attempt to save the church in the predawn fog.

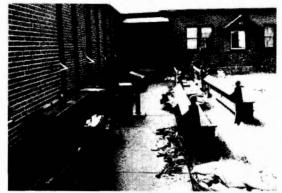
"I was OK until they broke out the second stained-glass window with a hatchet," he said as quoted by the Battle Creek *Enquirer*. "It had to be done, but even so ..."

The windows were imported from England and installed shortly before the church was dedicated in 1887. Fr. Scully said the first Episcopal church in Albion burned in 1885.

No one was hurt in the fire, which remains under investigation, but Fr. Scully is convinced that something







Down, but not out: The fire at St. James' has made members determined to repair the damage and begin using the church for worship as soon as possible. The most extensive damage was to the roof, 120-year-old stained-glass windows and pews.

Beverly Mosher photos

went wrong with the paschal candle, which had remained lit since Easter.

The building was fully insured, and at a special meeting May 15, the vestry decided to rebuild.

On the first Sunday after the fire, the Rt. Rev. Robert R. Gepert, Bishop of Western Michigan, visited the parish and preached at the 8 and 10 a.m. services held in a nearby funeral home.

South Carolina Promises 'Intensive Effort' in Second Attempt

The Diocese of South Carolina will ask the delegates who elected the Very Rev. Mark Lawrence as bishop last September to return on June 9 and approve suspension of a procedural rule in order to expedite a rapid re-election.

"The position of the Standing Committee was that there was an overwhelming consensus that 1. the Holy Spirit had spoken in the election of Fr. Lawrence; 2. that the Bishops and Standing Committees had intended to consent to the election even though technicalities had prevented it," the Rt. Rev. Edward L. Salmon, Jr., acting Bishop of South Carolina, wrote in a letter explaining the process to clergy.

"Following the election, the Stand-

ing Committee will implement an intensive effort to receive the consents during the 120-day period. Since a majority of standing committees intended to approve in the first election, the Standing Committee has a clear field in which to work," Bishop Salmon wrote.

In an interview with a reporter for THE LIVING CHURCH, the Rev. J. Haden McCormick, president of the standing committee, said that committee has learned the importance of following up with dioceses whose consent documentation is incomplete and to take nothing for granted.

"We haven't had a lot of experience with episcopal elections recently," Fr. McCormick said, noting that Bishop Salmon served 18 years before reaching the mandatory retirement age of 72 in 2006. "We never imagined it would be this difficult."

Dean Zahl Resigns at Trinity

The board of trustees of Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry has accepted the resignation of the Very Rev. Paul Zahl as dean and president, according to an announcement published May 10.

"The board sadly accepted his resignation and wants to express profound gratitude for the inspiring leadership that he has provided the school over the past three years," the board stated.

According to two independent sources, the decision was a personal one and came as a surprise to the board, which was meeting for its regularly scheduled spring convocation. The resignation is effective July 31.

"Mary and I wish to move forward toward new opportunities for our years ahead in ministry, proclaiming and teaching God's love and grace as broadly as possible," Dean Zahl stated.

New York Bishop Expects More Assertive Canterbury Role

The recent exchange of letters between Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams and Archbishop Peter Akinola of Nigeria indicates that Archbishop Williams will be exercising a more assertive voice on the issues that are dividing the worldwide Anglican Communion, according to the Rt. Rev. Mark Sisk, Bishop of New York.

On May 5, Archbishop Akinola installed the Rt. Rev. Martyn Minns as a missionary bishop for the Convocation of Anglicans in North America (CANA) at Hylton Memorial Chapel, a Christian event center in Woodbridge, Va. [TLC, May 27]. Before the service, Archbishop Williams sent a private letter to Archbishop Akinola that Archbishop Akinola confirmed included a plea not to go through with the installation.

In an interview with Reuters news service, Bishop Sisk said it was significant that Archbishop Williams tried to prevent the installation.

"[Archbishop Akinola's action] seems to lay out a claim that he has a better sense than the Archbishop of Canterbury, and that's a bold claim," Bishop Sisk said.

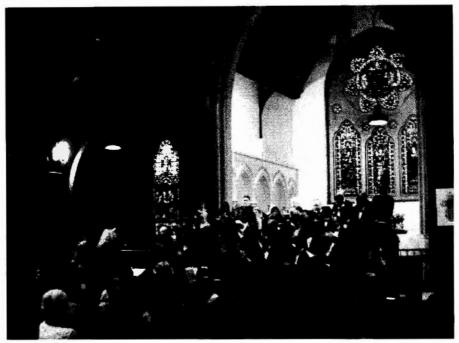
In his reply to Archbishop Williams, made public the day after the installation, Archbishop Akinola defended his actions, describing them as a measured response.

Deans' Conference Focuses on Pluralism

Religious pluralism and its impact on Canadian society was the theme when the North American Conference of Cathedral Deans (NACCD) met in Ottawa, Canada, April 19-23. The gathering of 110 participants, spouses and partners was welcomed by Dean Shane Parker and volunteers from Christ Church Cathedral.

Exploration of the theme began with a visit to the Houses of Parliament and

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Carlie Graves/Christ Church photo

The Hudson Valley premiere of Paul Winter's *Earth Mass* attracted many to Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., on April 22 for an Earth Day concert. Laura Russell, music director, brought together the Christ Church choir, the Duchess County Community College choir, and many instrumentalists. *Earth Mass* is a 1980 creation of jazz saxophonist Paul Winter as he imagines a truly contemporary Mass. The performance included the recordings of the sounds of several endangered species, synchronized with the live choral and instrumental music.

Diocese of Colorado Responds to Civil Suit

The Rev. Don Armstrong and those members of Grace and St. Stephen's Church, Colorado Springs, who are currently worshiping on the church's historic property are secessionists intent on confounding an impartial investigation of serious charges, according to a legal response filed May 10 by the Diocese of Colorado.

On April 6, the parish leadership of the newly incorporated Anglican congregation of Grace and St. Stephen's filed a complaint for declaratory relief in El Paso County District Court. They remain loyal to Fr. Armstrong, who has been accused of financial wrongdoing and inhibited by the Rt. Rev. Robert O'Neill, Bishop of Colorado.

Fr. Armstrong denies that he has engaged in or been the beneficiary of any improper financial transactions with the parish and maintains that he is being targeted for scrutiny because of his outspoken traditionalist views. He and those loyal to him have left The Episcopal Church and sought affiliation with the Convocation of Anglicans in North America (CANA), a missionary initiative to the United States by the Anglican Church of Nigeria.

In its filings, the diocese maintains that Fr. Armstrong and others loyal to him shredded a number of parish financial records before they could be examined by a forensic accountant. The response alleges that shortly before Fr. Armstrong and a majority of the vestry voted to join CANA, the vestry altered the parish's 134-year-old articles of incorporation, removing all language explicitly acknowledging the congregation as a part of The Episcopal Church under the perpetual oversight and authority of the Bishop of Colorado.

"This litigation is not about theology or differences of opinion in the church," said Lawrence R. Hitt II, the diocesan chancellor. "It is an effort by that breakaway group to distract attention from the very serious charges of theft and misconduct against Fr. Armstrong. The charges against Fr. Armstrong will be prosecuted in a trial before the diocese's Ecclesiastical Trial Court, according to the disciplinary process established in the church's canons."

The diocese is the defendant in the civil litigation, but the prosecutor in the ecclesiastical disciplinary proceedings.

Bishops' Secretaries Celebrate 20 Years of Mutual Support

Regardless of whether their bosses are in disagreement with each other, the members of Bishops' Executive Secretaries Together (BEST) know the support system created by their organization transcends irreconcilable theological and personality conflicts. BEST members celebrated their organization's 20th anniversary during their annual meeting in Honolulu.

Seventy-four representatives from 63 dioceses (including three not part of The Episcopal Church — El Salvador, Nova Scotia and Niagara) gathered April 26-29.

The Rt. Rev. Richard O. Chang, retired Bishop of Hawaii, was the keynote speaker at the opening banquet. A silent auction table helped members raised more than \$1,300 to support the Children's Outreach Center, a non-denominational after school program located at St. Elizabeth's Church, Honolulu.

The Rt. Rev. Robert Fitzpatrick, who succeeded Bishop Chang as Bishop of Hawaii in March, served as moderator to a panel which included Bishop Chang, Bishop James Waggoner of Spokane, Bishop Harry Bainbridge of Idaho, and Bishop James Mathes of San Diego. The theme of the panel discussion was the mission of the church and how to avoid becoming distracted from it.

Barbara Alton

Bishop Griswold Speaks at Conference on Jerusalem

Former Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold was the second of three homilists at the opening service of the annual Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP) advocacy conference May 6–8 in Washington, D.C. About 20 Episcopalians and 130 other Christians of various denominations attended.

Bishop Griswold spoke on the topic "Jerusalem, City of Peace." The other two homilies concerned "Jerusalem, House of All Nations" and "Jerusalem, City of God."



Motorcycles fill the parking lot of St. Stephen's Church, Whiting, N.J., on May 6.

Bikers Not the Only Ones Blessed

It all started when one "Rotten Jack" Lynk needed burial and his family went looking for someone to officiate. They found the Rev. Paul Van Sant, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Berlin, N.J., who accepted the opportunity, only to find himself standing before 300 leather-clad, tattoo-embellished bikers from several clubs. At the end of the liturgy the "leaders" offered to hold a benefit for Good Shepherd in thanks for the kindness extended to them.

After the benefit, Fr. Van Sant wanted to see this new relationship continue, so the "Blessing of the Bikes" was born and took place at Good Shepherd annually for 11 years, with attendance reaching as many as 800 bikers.

Fr. Van Sant left Good Shepherd recently to become rector of St. Stephen's Church, Whiting, N.J. He hadn't planned to continue the ministry, but his new congregation made sure there would be a 12th consecutive "Blessing of the Bikes," which was held May 6 at St. Stephen's.

"Some folks from the parish called before I got here asking, 'Are you bringing your bikers?' In all honesty, I gave a planning committee member in our parish the ABATE contact and they took it from there." (ABATE is a motorcyclists' rights group.)

A congregation of 200 members with a median age of 72, St. Stephen's is

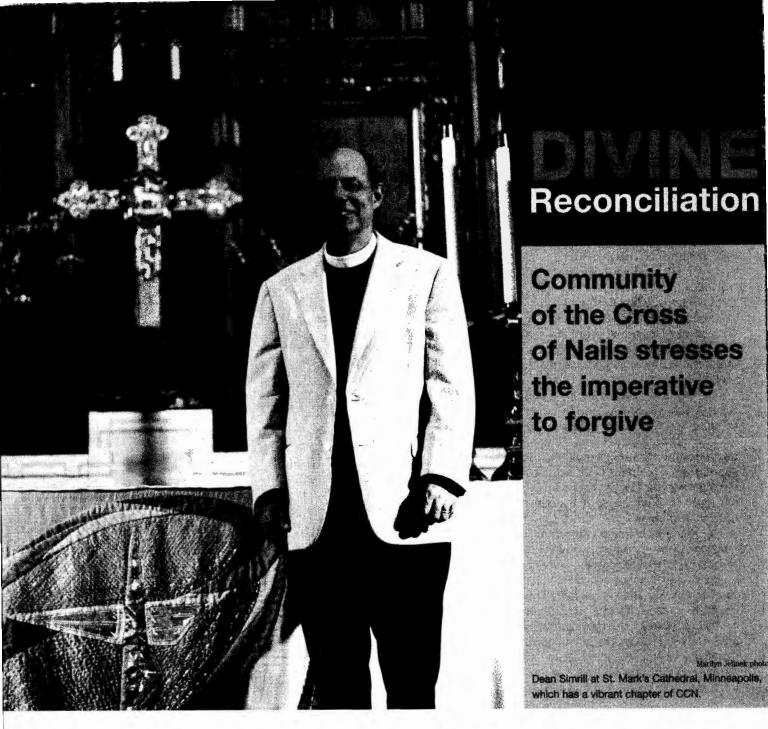


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Fr. Van Sant: a blessing for each biker and bike.

shedding its label of a retirement parish by welcoming new and younger members and being open to new ministries, such as the "Blessing of the Bikes."

Scripture reading, the Lord's Prayer and time to remember fallen friends were included. But unlike the more common blessing of the fleet, at this service each bike and rider received an individual blessing with holy water and prayer for any special request. One couple had their engagement blessed, along with the ring.



By Willy Thorn

With all the talk about reconciliation these days in The Episcopal Church, the Community of the Cross of Nails (CCN) has become a valuable resource for those serious about reconciliation. CCN, an international ministry of reconciliation headquartered at Coventry Cathedral in England, has 43 centers of reconciliation in this country, including an active chapter at the Cathedral of St. Mark, Minneapolis.

The community emerged from the burned-out rubble of Coventry — a victim of World War II German bombing. More than 65 years later, CCN took its message of divine reconciliation to this century's most hallowed rubble. Sept. 11, 2006, marked the grand opening of the Archbishop Desmond Tutu Center at the General Theological Seminary in New York City.

Internationally, CCN has 160 centers around the world,

according to the Very Rev. Spenser Simrill, dean of the Minneapolis cathedral. "It's interfaith and ecumenical. The dominant consistency is Episcopalian," he said recently. "But they also come from other traditions. We're also establishing reconciliations in the Muslim community."

He noted the community's cornerstone and centerpiece is reconciliation.

"Reconciliation — the charge and imperative is uniquely Christian, going back to Paul's great revelation in Second Corinthians (5:17-18): If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: the old has passed away, behold the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.

"God has called us in Christ — undergirded by the rhythm of crucifixion, death and resurrection — to work through forgiveness," Dean Simrill says. "He's counting on us. Now we need to act like it. It's not some nice, sweet

theological idea. It's our marching orders. We're privileged to participate with God in breaking down hostility. It's that big. It's that important. And it's hard work. It's exciting, challenging, messy work. But it's life-giving work. It's redeeming work. It's why we're here."

At St. Mark's CCN chapter, the dean

At St. Mark's CCN chapter, the dean points out, "we have relationships with the Diocese of Cuba — you can imagine how hard it's been to get in there — and with the Diocese of George in South Africa, rebuilding after years of apartheid. We're working with the Dio-

cese of Peru to establish the first CCN center there, and to build a medical center in Lima."

Larry Swandby, a member of St. Mark's who's involved with CCN, joined Dean Simrill on several international missions.

"I met the staff in Coventry and went to South Africa to establish a relationship with our diocese in George," he said. "From a CCN perspective, St. Mark's offers support for the [George] diocese, but not as much financial ... more moral support, Christian support."

CCN has sent these broad ripples out around the globe by moving in the smallest of circles, literally. Its basic essence is the foyer group, or hospitality circle — small groups (fewer than 10 members, typically) that meet monthly to pray, meditate, and reflect on reconciliation.

"I know that I can't single-mindedly, single-handedly solve all the brokenness of the world," says the Rev. Jan Dougherty, a deacon at St. Mark's. "But I can in my life, and the lives I touch. For me, that happens with prayer and within community. [CCN] brings a focus. It brings a reminder that there are people around the world com-

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- Dean Simrill

mitted to reconciliation and prayer. It's a connection that's quite powerful and hopeful."

The format for the CCN hospitality circle gatherings varies.

"We always begin with a common prayer. We also do some silent prayer," says Deacon Dougherty. "People share their lives; what's happened with reconciliation in

the last month. We read something ... and reflect on that topic. We [close] with half an hour in fellowship, sharing some little treat. It's food and fellowship."

Lisa Brandt is a recently retired public health nurse and non-profit administrator who founded a rural AIDS action network in 1994. "From the outside, it probably looks like a support group," she says. "But Minnesotans don't do support groups."

In her circle, "we don't do handouts too much," she



Inside Coventry Cathedral after the 1940 bombing. The international headquarters of CCN is at Coventry, where a modern cathedral was built next to the ruins.

says. "Some have brought them. But we don't want to be a book club."

"Mostly it's a free for all ... within ourselves, there's reconciling who we are. There's reconciliation of issues at St. Mark's. We need more reconciliation to bring together [the parish's] old timers and new timers. Some people have particular issues bothering them ... say homelessness. The hardest part is reminding folks the push toward reconciliation goes on, and it's a struggle."

The CCN hospitality circle has many advantages. There's the intimacy and shared experience. And at a cathedral as large as St. Mark's, it's an ideal way to draw additional spiritual insight.

St. Mark's is the "cathedral for a state that is 10 hours from north to south — a huge territory," says Ms. Brandt. "We're not neighborhood neighbors. [Yet] it's much more an intimate knowledge of each other than you'd ever get at coffee hour."

Mr. Swandby, a cradle Episcopalian and retired attorney, has been "in the same original circle, along with five others," since CCN came to St. Mark's. "We really bond and grow close. I've never had the opportunity to experience an intimate trust with other Christians. When you belong to a large congregation, you know a number of people, several fairly well. But circles are unique. You can share your spiritual direction and thoughts."

St. Mark's CCN has fluctuated in size, but has around 300 participants.

"We've birthed a Center for Religious Inquiry to promote dialogue," says Dean Simrill. "Former vice president Walter Mondale (a Presbyterian) is our chair. We're also working on a Muslim, Christian and Jewish trip to the National Holocaust Museum [in Washington, D.C.]. St. Mark's is involved with Somali-Mai. The Twin Cities have the largest population of people from Somalia in the entire United States. We've established friendships, we're providing tutoring, and sponsoring Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops with them. We are responding to hunger [with] a Monday night supper that feeds homeless youth."

But CCN's work is not all active public witness. "We offer quiet days at St. Mark's in Advent and in Lent," Dean Simrill says. "We did one on Mary in Advent. Another was on the witness of John the Baptist: What does it mean to proclaim in our day what John did in his? Our last quiet day was on the beatitudes."

To date, CCN has been a huge success at St. Mark's, in part because of the creativity of its dean. "When Spenser came five years ago, he started talking about it all the time," says Deacon Brandt. "All the time."

Willy Thorn resides in Bangkok, Thailand, and is an editor for the Union of Catholic Asian News.



Building Faith-Focused Families

New curriculum seeks a connection to the home

By Madeleine Lambert

hurch school programs are winding down now in many parishes, but the Rev. David Klutterman is already looking ahead. The rector of the Church of St. John the Baptist, Wausau, Wis., is looking forward to the launch of an educational resource that has been 20 years in the making.

"Bringing Christ Home" is a new curriculum for families with children in grades 3-6. Fr. Klutterman's goal in developing the program is to encourage more family involvement in Christian formation.

"We cannot foster all formation within 30 to 35 hours of Sunday school a year," he said. "Children need more than that."

Fr. Klutterman said his interest in developing the curriculum was sparked when he surveyed the programs in use in the 1980s, and became involved with other educators in The Episcopal Church. He said his inquiry came at a time when The Episcopal Church as a whole was beginning to take another look at formation.

"That, combined with my own studies on education and formation, led me to

explore the relationship between congregation and home when it comes to formation and education," he said. "The program links the congregation and home, and takes it one step further. 'Bringing Christ Home' takes Christianity from just a church setting to promoting it in the home. Children then see the importance of the beliefs and values learned in church in other places, helping them implement them into their lives."

Children may be more comfortable learning in the home, and it can be easier to foster faith in children when they are being encouraged and taught by those who love them unconditionally. For that reason, Fr. Klutterman said, Christian formation in the home is just as important as religious

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Tossing Things About

Even though this is not a General Convention year, I expect news to be flowing around the church at a much steadier pace than usual during the summer months. There are more rumors than usual being tossed about, more meetings than normal taking place, and this Sept. 30 deadline looming in the distance. News items can go by almost unnoticed:

And for my next selection... — An organization in Great Britain called Cooperative Funeralcare compiles statistics of music heard at funerals there. Studies show 40 percent of music at funerals is popular songs, with Frank Sinatra's "My Way" the most frequently heard. One funeral featured the sound of railroad trains "shunting in sidings." What? No tunes from the "U2-charist?"

Only a Matter of Time - In his parish newsletter, the Rev. Ed Bacon, rector of All Saints' Reportedly, Church, Pasadena, Calif., writes of his concern of the he said it church's teaching on the smelled like atonement, and asks, "Did Jesus die because of our sins banana cream. or did he die for our sins?" Fr. Bacon adds, "In our reassessment of an injurious theology certain hymn texts and Eucharistic prayers need to be examined." I'm not about to get into an argument about substitutionary atonement, but the last few words of that remark sound as if Fr. Bacon is ready to start working on a revised BCP.

Imagine the frequent-flier mileage – Archbishop Peter Akinola of Nigeria installs the Rt. Rev. Martyn Minns as head of the Nigerian church's congregations in this country [TLC, May 27] during a ceremony in Virginia. Seems to me these boundary crossings by foreign bishops do more than anything to bring about the eventual division of the church. Imagine an uninvited American bishop confirming people in, say, Kenya.

If I want to be ordained... — Former New Jersey Governor James McGreevey announces plans to become an Episcopal priest [TLC, May 27]. While he was guy, Mr. McGrevey announced he was gay and said he had an affair with a male member of his staff. Now he leaves the Roman Catholic Church and becomes an Episcopalian. Don't we already have too many instances of people who can't abide by the tenets of their own churches

becoming Episcopalian, and then seeking ordination?

But I wanted rhub...—The Rev. Don Armstrong can't stay out of the news. The Colorado Springs priest was delivering a sermon on a recent Sunday when a man dashed into Grace and St. Stephen's Church, fired a cream pie at Fr. Armstrong, and raced out. The priest ducked, and the pie landed on the floor. Reportedly, he said it smelled like banana cream. Parishioners caught the pie thrower after a chase of several blocks and turned him over to police.

But, Officer, I'm Jesus! — In Orlando, Fla., a crowd packs a local amphitheater for an appearance by Dr. Jose Luis De Jesus Miranda,

61, who claims to be Jesus Christ reincarnated. Dr. Miranda told an

Orlando TV station that he is known as God in at least 30 countries. The station reported he admits to being a recovering heroin addict who also has spent time in prison on drug and petty theft charges. I'd like to know what the admission charge was to hear "Jesus" speak.

Fit to Print —The May 12 edition of the New York Times carried an unusual advertisement for The Episcopal Church. "The Episcopal Church: Marking a milestone, Moving Forward," is the title of the ad, which appeared on the op-ed page.

"Somewhere near you, there's a blue-and-white sign bearing the familiar slogan: The Episcopal Church Welcomes You," begins the text. It goes on to cite such famous places as Washington National Cathedral and the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, Old North Church, and Trinity Wall Street. It also mentions lesser-known churches in Los Angeles, and Cumberland, Md., and unnamed ministries in Iowa and Georgia and Vermont.

The ad mentions that you may find people with many points of view, and that sometimes there are struggles, and "Occasionally those struggles make the news."

"We're committed to a transformed world..." and it concludes, "Come see for yourself. Come and visit... come and explore ... come and grow." It's a nice message. Unfortunately, it's about 40 years too late.

David Kalvelage, executive editor

Did You Know...

The Rt. Rev. Theodore Irving Reese was Bishop Coadjutor of Southern Ohio for 19 years (1913-31).

Quote of the Week

The Most Rev. John Sentamu, Archbishop of York (England), on being introduced at the London Press Awards: "Standing among you all, I feel like the youngest, the put upon and the most inexperienced lion in Daniel's den of lions!"



The cover of the first issue of The Living Church, 1878

The historic mission of the Living Church Foundation is to promote and support Catholic Anglicanism within the Episcopal Church.

Anglican and Catholic

When the Board of Directors of the Living Church Foundation met recently in Albuquerque, N.M., it spent some time discussing the role of this magazine in a rapidly changing Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion. Members of the board felt this would be a good time to clarify the role and purpose of The Living Church. In so doing, the board felt it should return to its roots and re-emphasize its historic mission.

The Articles of Incorporation of the foundation, publisher of this magazine, state that its purpose is "the publication and distribution of literature in the interest of the Christian religion, and specifically of the Protestant Episcopal Church according to what is commonly known as the Catholic conception thereof..." That document, written nearly 80 years ago, also acknowledges that such publication and distribution includes "conducting and maintenance of a printing and publishing business..."

Readers may notice that beginning with this issue we have attempted to explain our purpose in two statements. One is found on the cover immediately underneath the masthead, or name of the publication. Gone is the familiar "An independent weekly serving Episcopalians." In its place is this description: "An independent weekly supporting catholic Anglicanism." This does not represent a change in our focus, but rather it broadens what has been our position all along. The Living Church has always served Episcopalians and will continue to attempt to do so, but it has always served other Anglicans as well. For many years this magazine has contained news and articles about other Anglican churches, because we believe the Anglican Communion is important. We have long emphasized the importance of Episcopalians being Anglicans, and now is a good time for us to re-emphasize it.

The second statement that has been rewritten is found at the top of Page 3. It clarifies the historic mission of the Living Church Foundation. We are committed to the Anglican and catholic concept of the church as an incarnational and sacramental body. We value our Anglican heritage and take seriously our role as catholic Christians. We attempt to nourish Anglican faith, piety and practice within The Episcopal Church. Again, this represents no change in our policy. Rather it is simply time that we said so.

Success in Parishes

While conflict and name calling seems to generate most of the publicity about The Episcopal Church these days, most of our parish churches are going about their business without much fanfare. Newspapers and TV newscasts seem to have little interest in the ministries being carried out in our parish churches and mission congregations, which is a pity, for stories of creative, successful programs abound. We are pleased to share a few of them in this special Parish Administration Issue. One article describes how a new "family" service has transformed some churches. Another presents an environmental stewardship checklist for parishes.

This issue, one of four Parish Administration Issues we publish each year, is sent free of charge to all clergy of The Episcopal Church who do not subscribe to the magazine not only in hopes they will want to become part of the Living Church family, but also that they will find articles or advertising that will be of value in carrying out the important ministry of being in charge of a parish. We salute those congregations that are able to share the good news of Jesus Christ with others, even when the wider church sometimes seems to be unable to do that.

READER'S VIEWPOINT

STEWARDS of the Environment



By Peggy Eastman

ost of us are familiar with the annual church stewardship letter urging us to pledge money — preferably more than last year. But there is another kind of stewardship that is equally important: environmental stewardship.

The Bible is clear about our responsibilities for environmental stewardship. Genesis 1 describes earth's beauty as one of extravagance and abundance: an outpouring of God's love made manifest in the tides of surging oceans, sunlight by day and moonlight by night, flowering trees, swaying grasses, mountain crevasses and

peaks, and creatures of all kinds — those with skin, wings, scales, paws, feathers, fur and hooves — to populate this paradise. This jewel, this fragile island earth, God gave to us to guard and protect.

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth (Gen. 1:26).

To have dominion over a land means to rule it. The implied assumption is that the rulers will be wise stewards of what has been given to them. How good a job have we done? By all measures, one that should make us tremble before God. We have made our earthly home sick.

As a boy growing up in Winchester, Mass., the Rt. Rev. John B. Chane, Bishop of Washington, remembers his family saving bacon fat in a coffee can, which was turned in at the local grocery store for recycling each week. In an address to the Environment Committee of the Diocese of Washington's Commission on Peace, Bishop Chane said he can also remember thermostats being turned down to 55 degrees in the evening and lights in unoccupied rooms in his home being turned off. Today, he said, we face not so much an energy crisis - although there is certainly that - but a crisis of spirituality and "a crisis in theology and our covenant with God," which "calls us into account for caring for and preserving the natural resources of this God-given earth for its future survivability.'

By now the woe-filled litany on environmental destruction has come out of the backwaters and become mainstream. Groups ranging from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change to the National Resources Defense Council to the Sierra Club paint a sad picture of what happens when stewards neglect their Godgiven task. At stake are the very air we

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breathe and the water we drink. Some environmental experts predict that shortages of clean water — which are already a reality for millions of people worldwide — will greatly worsen. The Rev. Canon Peter Gwillim Kreitler has been speaking about a pending world

At stake are the very air we breathe and the water we drink.

water crisis for 20 years, and is cohost of a Los Angeles environmental talk show, "Earth Talk Today." He has stated that our planet is now in the emergency room, and recently wrote

in an online journal he posts in conjunction with his TV show: "Today we are being called, like no other time in history, to redirect our focus and become more pro-active in partnership with God to preserve the creation."

The greenhouse gases we emit from the fossil fuels we use - and Americans are the major culprit here — are causing changes in the global climate. Although scientists debate the causes, many agree that the earth is becoming warmer, causing the Arctic icecap to shrink and triggering glacial melts. Larry Schweiger, president of the National Wildlife Federation, predicts that one of God's creatures, the polar bear, will be gone by 2060. Global warming seems to be helping to set in motion wild, untamable weather: droughts, killer heat waves, floods and hurricanes of great destruction. Those of us who have visited New Orleans recently have seen that this oncevibrant city is still reeling from the 2005 wallop by Hurricane Katrina.

To become better stewards at church, see the accompanying checklist. To become better stewards at home, we can: consciously conserve water (try saving kitchen rinse water to use on indoor and outdoor plants, for example); recycle anything and everything, from plastic milk jugs to soup cans to glass bottles to newspapers and junk mail; turn off lights when we are not in a room; and keep our houses or apartments a little warmer in summer and a little cooler in winter to reduce energy expenditure. Substitute reusable cups for disposable Styrofoam and plastics; refuse to use pesticides on our lawns; support public transit such as buses to reduce dependence on individual cars: carpool whenever possible; teach our children and grandchildren how to cherish the earth; and seek educational forums to talk about the need to care for creation.

The lovely jewel we call our earthly home is the most precious gift we can leave to our children, and our chil-

"Vital to Health of Parish"

By The Rev. Tripp Jeffords, Rector St. Paul's, Conway, SC

This Faith Alive Weekend was vital for the health of our congregation! It modeled for us the dynamic power of public faith. It left us with a fire for Jesus and a calling to tell others.

"Led Away From Distractions"

By The Rev. Robert Koth, Vicar St. Peter's in the Woods, Fairfax Station, VA

Much needed by our congregation distracted by the struggles within the Episcopal Church, the Faith Alive Weekend helped us to center back on Jesus Christ and re-commit our parish family to Him.



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dren's children. God has entrusted that gift to us to cherish and keep safe for those who come after us. Let us renew our commitment to environmental stewardship and try to do better. Succeeding generations are counting on us.

Environmental Checklist for Churches

- 1. Does our church actively recycle everything from glass jars to plastic jugs to tin cans to plastic bags, paper and cardboard? Do parishioners see labeled recycling containers prominently displayed?
- 2. Do we minimize use of disposable plastic and Styrofoam cups at church coffee hours and events in favor of using sturdy washable mugs, cups and plates?
- 3. If there is a church dishwasher, do we run it only when full?
- 4. When we re-landscape or replace church plantings, do we select drought-resistant plants that need lit-

Succeeding generations are counting on us.



tle care? Do we employ a lawn service for church grounds that uses no pesticides and chemicals?

- 5. Do we encourage parishioners to turn off lights in church meeting rooms and restrooms when they leave them?
- 6. Have we sponsored forums and study groups on environmental stewardship?
- 7. Have parishioners been encouraged to see the movie "An Inconvenient Truth," which recently won the Academy Award for best documentary?
- 8. Do we encourage parishioners to carpool to church, walk if they are able and close enough, or to take public transportation to reduce fossil fuel emissions close to home?

- 9. Do our Sunday schools incorporate spiritual messages for children about the need to cherish our earth?
- 10. Do our dioceses have committees on the environment? In the Diocese of Washington, for example, the Environment Committee within the Commission on Peace sponsors trips to clean up Washington's trash-strewn Anacostia River and other environ-

mentally responsible projects.

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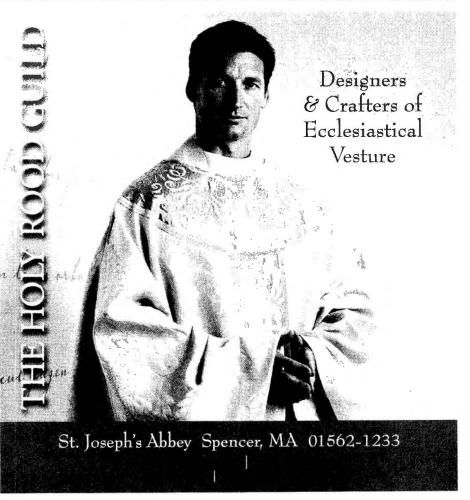
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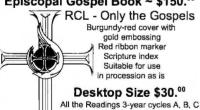
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Acts 15: There's More

The Rev. David Anderson proposes that Acts 15 is an apt lesson for The Episcopal Church today [TLC, May 20]. He notes that instead of making the Church exclusively for Jews who obeyed the Mosaic Law, the Council of Jerusalem accepted non-Jews into the Church while excusing them from most of the burden of the law.

However, there are two aspects of the account in Acts that Fr. Anderson seems to ignore. First, "the whole assembly became silent as they listened to Barnabas and Paul telling about the miraculous signs and wonders God had done among the Gentiles through them" (Acts 15:12).

The acceptance of gentiles into the Church was confirmed by miracles and outpourings of the Holy Spirit, not to mention either the vision accorded to Peter at Jaffa (Acts 10) or the vast numbers of conversions. Second, the argument that gentiles should be recognized was supported from scripture by James (Acts 15:13).

The Acts 15 Example

I realize Fr. Anderson's argument was not whether gentiles could be Christians, something settled before the Council at Jerusalem, but whether they were bound by the law. The questions of obedience to the law and gentile membership were essentially the same question because gentiles did not consider themselves either Jews or bound by the law.

Fr. Anderson might argue that TEC is being more inclusive by honoring all points of view and accepting people "where they are." But where are the miracles, conversions and scriptures to support this view? TEC is suffering from declining membership and deteriorating finances while those third world churches which are considered less inclusive have to figure out how to confirm 3,000 Christians at a time. If he wants to lean on Acts 15 for support, he needs to do more than pick and choose.

> (The Rev.) Michael Gemignani Freeport, Texas

More Questions

As I complete my dispirited slog through TLC's dismal perceptions of the church that I so dearly love, a couple of things come up for me:

First, regarding David Kalvelage's list of questions [TLC, April 29], some of them evidently reflecting "insider jokes" which I don't understand, but whose snide contemptuousness is

No, I don't know why J.P. Morgan isn't in the calendar. Should he be?

Isn't tradition the church's shared experience of God's Spirit in the world? So why is experience a nasty word?

No, our church didn't observe Evolution Sunday. Did yours?

No, I'm not tired of the MDGs, but then I spend a lot of my time among poor people. How about you?

No, life in my church won't be different if we're not members of the Anglican Communion - but the Communion will be diminished, and the body of Christ rent again. Why do conservatives look forward to this with such triumphant glee? Is this the Episcopal version of the "Left Behind" series, in which the elect get to enjoy graphically described torment of those who didn't "pass" the final judgment exam?

I think the listening process sounds like a good idea. When will it start?

It's my understanding that baptism is what makes us members of the body of Christ — not the Nicene Creed.

Second, regarding the Rev. Nelson's proposals. I guess I'm a liberal. Can someone please find me a copy of the liberal agenda? I don't believe I have one. Can't find the homosexual agenda either. Puzzling.

Esther Osborne Seattle, Wash.

Regarding David Kalvelage's column, I was very surprised to read his statement, "Are you as tired as I am of hearing about the Millennium Development Goals?"

That statement alone speaks volumes about why we need to stress the MDGs. I don't need to tell anyone how important they are. Hopefully, the readers of this publication are familiar with them, and take the MDGs seriously.

In the same column, he asks "Whatever became of the 20/20 plan?," "What are we doing to prepare for the switch to the Revised Common Lectionary?," "Isn't it amazing how many people know nothing about the Windsor Report?" It is exactly these types of questions that need to be asked over and over so that people don't put these issues on the back burner. In the same way, we need to continue to hear about the MDGs so that they remain fresh in our minds.

Interestingly, the traditional disclaimer, "Editor's opinions may not represent the opinion of The Living Church Foundation" is missing. Was that an oversight, or is TLC as a whole tired of hearing about the MDGs?

Christopher Drelich Newbury, Mass.

The disclaimer mentioned by Mr. Drelich never appears with the Editor's Column. Ed.

Thanks to David Kalvelage for his "Restocked with Questions." I seriously doubt that he will run out of questions.

I must say, I do not know which question is my favorite. They are all good and to the point.

Thank you also for the editorial, "Care for the Land" [TLC, May 13] Rogationtide is not limited to the farmer with great acreage. Rogationtide is for the city dweller with flowers in a window box. It is for the one taking care of the lawn and shrubbery on a city

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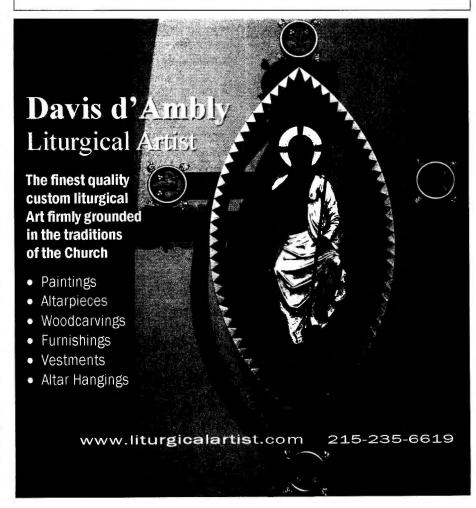
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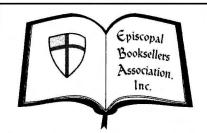
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lot. It is for the one with a vegetable garden in the back yard. Rogationtide includes our concern for global warming. It reminds us that we are stewards of God's creation, and will have to make an accounting for our stewardship. It occurs to me that this is a very small price to pay for the privilege of enjoying the wonders of God's handiwork.

(The Rev.) John Flanigen Moundville, Ala.

Help is Needed

In the last 15 months, there have been four known suicides and an unknown number of attempted suicides on the Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota, mainly among the young people. Considering that about one half of the Lakota population there are Episcopalians, I believe the church has a responsibility to help them.

At the General Convention last year, deputies and bishops emphasized outreach. Here is a chance for them to put that belief to work and to help their fellow Episcopalians.

I have worked on or near this reservation for 20 years, and I am more interested in providing job training than in give-aways. I think it would be good for all Episcopalians to realize that this is an emergency situation that can be taken care of only by a group or organization. If we can work together on a project such as this to help the needlest among us, perhaps we will stick together.

(The Rev.) Lyle Martin Winner, S.D.

Memories Recalled

Thank you for the notice of the death of Reginald H. Fuller [TLC, April 29]. Dr. Fuller was present for my three years at Seabury-Western, and by doing nothing more than being himself, he provided a large part of my formation as a student and priest.

At Seabury, because of the illness of the scheduled New Testament instructor, Dr. Fuller took over the introductory class about halfway through our first Michaelmas term. Little did we know then that he probably presented for us the best and most concise introduction to New Testament studies.

There are many memories of Dr. Fuller. At supper one evening I spilled tea on his trousers. Embarrassed, I soon stopped by his quarters. "Sir," I said, "I apologize. May I take your trousers to the cleaners?" "By all means," he answered, removing them and presenting them to me on the spot.

(The Rev.) Robert H. Speer Baltimore, Md.

It's a Mystery

Thanks to Fr. Dopp for his thoughtful Guest Column [TLC, May 13] about how in the church conservatives and liberals need each other. He opines that people are conservative or liberal because "that is how God made us." He then goes on to remark that "much of the leadership of our church has been taken over by the 'me' generation." I wonder if those leaders are simply being "the way God made them."

If God made us the way we are, what can we do about it? Why equally good, equally intelligent, equally informed people reach such radically different conclusions is a great mystery to me. I seem to be about as liberal as Fr. Dopp is conservative. I assume that we are probably about equal in piety and intelligence, but I just don't understand why he comes down on one side of the center and I come down on the other. I don't consider myself morally superior to him, and I assume that he would think the same away about me. Can anyone explain this mystery?

(The Rev. Canon) Kerry Robb Holy Trinity Church Gainesville, Fla.

Growing the Church

About 10 years ago, the then Presiding Bishop is reported to have said he would like to see the membership of the church doubled by 2020. At that time I had a suspicion that what he really wanted was to double the number of

pledges. Since then, I do not see much change. The Presiding Bishop did not give any particular method to be used in enlarging the church. Whatever his intention, the aim of the church should be to reach as many people as possible. Our Lord wanted his Church to go out to all the world.

The Rt. Rev. Appleton Lawrence, Bishop of Western Massachusetts from 1937 to 1957, sent a letter to all his clergy nearly every week. In one of those letters, he said he expected his clergy to make at least five significant parish calls per week. This, I believe, is the method of increasing the membership of the church, but it seems to have gone out of style. The excuse given is that according to today's lifestyles, if the clergy calls, there probably will be no one at home.

I took the bishop's suggestion seriously and called upon my people as regularly as possible. The result was that (a) they were more apt to come to church, and (b) we became good friends - friendships which have lasted for many years. This system was successful in every way, and I believe if the clergy took it seriously today, the hope of that Presiding Bishop might be fulfilled.

> (The Rev.) R.S.S. Whitman Guilford, Conn.

Perhaps No Problem

Thank you for the profound commentary on the readings for the Sixth Sunday of Easter [TLC, May 13]. The question, "Do you want to be healed?" is an essential one.

Many people want to "fix the problem" where there may not be a problem, only an inconvenience. The medical view of deafness, for example, is that the auditory mechanism is broken and needs to be fixed. However, many deaf people lead happy, fulfilling lives complete with deep friendships, a unique history, and a language that can be more expressive than English. We do not wish to be "healed" in the medical sense, but we do wish to take our place in church and society, respected as baptized, confirmed and enthusiastic Christians.

> (The Rev.) Jay L. Croft Montgomery, Ala.

Not Permitted

As I read the article, "The Loss of a Pet" [TLC, May 13] I had my own sad memories of the times I have comforted members at the loss of a pet. Like the author I have worked with bless the union of a same-sex couple. parents to help children of various ages understand the death of a pet, and I have sat with elderly members

who had lost their beloved pet and companion. What both amazes and saddens me is that in my ministry as a priest I can recognize and even bless the sacredness of these relationships but I am forbidden to recognize or

> (The Rev.) Stuart Schadt Trinity Church Manassas, Va.



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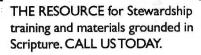
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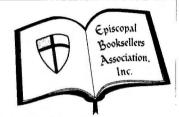
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Madeleine Lambert is a student at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

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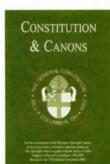
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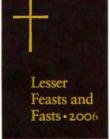
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Deans' Conference

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a luncheon address from the speaker of the House of Commons. A visit to the Supreme Court and an address from Justice Louis LeBel reviewed further the considerations inherent in bringing together the traditions of English Common Law and French Civil Law.

One paper of particular note was delivered by Dr. Robert Moore, a member of the Primate of Canada's Theological Commission. In it he drew the historical and theological connections between the works and thinking of the

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(The Very Rev.) William Willoughby III

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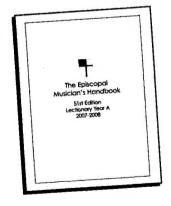
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The Rev. Christine Self as vicar of St. Ann's Church for the Deaf, New York, NY.

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Retirements

The Very Rev. M.L. Agnew, as dean of St. Mark's Cathedral, Shreveport, LA.

The Rev. Canon **Lloyd S. Casson**, as rector of St. Andrew & St. Matthew, Wilmington, DE.

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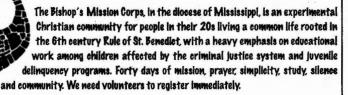
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Deaths

The Rev. Willard Perry Winterrowd, who was involved in the administration of two dioceses, died April 9 in Piscataway, NJ. He was 68.

He was a native of Shreveport, LA, and a graduate of Centenary College and Seabury-Western Theological Seminary. He was ordained in the Diocese of Louisiana, as deacon in 1963 and as priest in 1964. Fr. Winterrowd was priest-in-charge of Trinity Church, Cheneyville, and Holy Comforter, Lecompte, LA, 1963-65; assistant at Trinity, Moorestown, NJ, 1965-69; rector of St. Bartholomew's, Cherry Hill, NJ, 1969-84; deputy for programming in the Diocese of New Jersey, 1984-90; archdeacon in New Jersey, 1990-5; and assistant to the Bishop of Ohio, 1995-9. In 1999, he was diagnosed with Alzeimer's and retired, moving to his home in Yardley, PA. He was a deputy to General Convention in 1985 and 1988. He is survived by his wife, Nancy; and two sons, Kent and Michael; and his twin brother, the Rt. Rev. William J. Winterrowd, of Englewood, CO.

The Rev. Canon **Edward Daley**, of Moorestown, NJ, retired priest of the Diocese of New Jersey, died April 14. He was 91.

Canon Daley was born in Philadelphia and educated at Carroll College (WI) and Nashotah House. He was ordained to the diaconate in 1944 and to the priesthood in 1945 in the Diocese of Pennsylvania. He served as vicar, later rector of St. Stephen's Church, Wissahickon, PA, 1945-51; rector of St. Matthias', Trenton, 1951-62; and director, then administrator, of Evergreens Home for the Aged in Moorestown, 1962-82. He retired in 1982. He was an honorary canon of Trinity Cathedral, Trenton, NJ. Canon Daley is survived by his wife, Margaret; three daughters, Sylvia Iannucci, Deborah Rogerino, and Cynthia Griffin; and a son, Edward.

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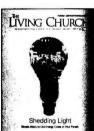
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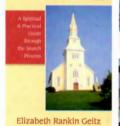
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