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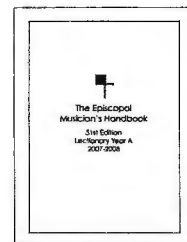
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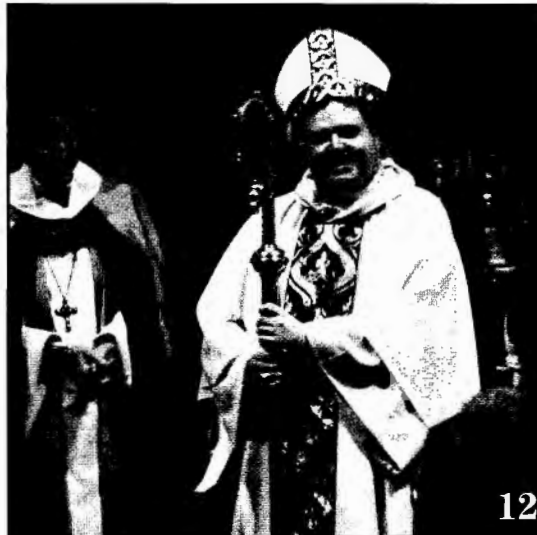
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The Very Rev. Canon Peter Haynes of the Diocese of Los Angeles presents the Rev. Edward J. Konieczny with a pectoral cross during the service of consecration in the Diocese of Oklahoma Sept. 15. Looking on are the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop, and the Rt. Rev. Robert M. Moody, whose retirement was effective with the consecration of his successor.

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SUNDAY'S READINGS

Is More Better?

'Increase Our Faith' (Luke 17:5)

The 19th Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 22C) Oct. 7, 2007

BCP: Hab. 1:1-6 (7-11) 12-13; 2:1-4; Psalm 37:1-18 or 37:3-10; 2 Tim. 1:(1-5) 6-14; Luke 17:5-10

RCL: Lam. 1:1-6; Lam. 3:19-26 or Psalm 137; Hab. 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Psalm 37:1-10; 2 Tim. 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

The apostles say to Jesus, "Increase our faith." They seem to think that more is better. Just like most of us think. More is better, whether it is money or people in church or stained glass windows or cars or square footage (as in larger church buildings). So why not think the same way about faith? If I had more faith, I could do more.

And indeed what would you say to a friend who asked, "Please increase my faith." Faith is different from belief. Faith is a relationship with another, as in "I have faith in you." One cannot give faith to another.

Jesus understands the situation and replies: "If you had faith [as big] as a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this sycamine tree, 'Be rooted up and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you" (Luke 17:6).

A mustard seed is really quite small. Tiny. Anyone reading this column by definition has that much faith. Your faith is at least as large as a mustard seed, perhaps larger. So get with it; put your faith to work. No more excuses. Jesus encourages his apostles (and us) to use the faith they (and we) have. Be not paralyzed by your self-created (and indeed delusional) obstacle of not having enough faith.

Recently released letters written by Mother Teresa, who is known around the world for her work in the slums of Calcutta, bear witness to this truth. Though she was filled with questions and doubt, this did not deter her from doing phenomenal work as a Christian.

There is a fascinating example of Jesus' teaching in the Old Testament reading. Proclaiming God's word in the latter part of the 7th century BCE, Habakkuk wrote: "... the righteous shall live by his faith" (2:4). This sentence rephrased by St. Paul became the theme for the Epistle to the Romans: "He who through faith is righteous shall live" (Rom. 1:17).

Some 2,200 years after Habakkuk died, his words, reworked by St. Paul, sparked the Protestant Reformation. That's what it looks like when one's faith goes to work.

The gospel readings for the next three Sundays also address issues related to faith. For the reader (or preacher) inclined to link these passages together, they can form a single teaching on faith in four parts. The themes in coming weeks will be:

- Faith and Healing.
- Faith and Prayer.
- Faith and Pride.

Look It Up

The teaching of Habakkuk and St. Paul (see above) will also be found in Galatians 3:11 and Philippians 3:9. Also see Hebrews 10:38.

Think About It

Buy a package of mustard seeds at your local health food store. Try to give only one seed to a family member or friend. Is your faith as big as that mustard seed?

Next Sunday

The 20th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 23C), Oct. 14, 2007

BCP: Ruth 1:(1-7)8-19a; Psalm 113; 2 Tim. 2:(3-7)8-15; Luke 17:11-19

RCL: Jer. 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66:1-12 or 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c; Psalm 111; 2 Tim. 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

Suffering Comes with Faith for Pakistani Bishop

By Steve Waring

With an estimated 100,000 members distributed among just 30 worship centers, staying alive, not improving average Sunday attendance, is the pressing problem for Anglicans in the Diocese of Peshawar, located along the northwest frontier in Pakistan.

"We are sometimes referred to as 'fly on the wall people,'" said the Rt. Rev. Mano Rumalshah, Bishop of Peshawar. "We are tolerated so long as people don't take notice of us. As soon as we start buzzing around we get swatted."

The Islamic Republic of Pakistan is divided into four provinces. The borders of the Diocese of Peshawar are identical with the province of Peshawar, which encompasses 60,000 square miles and contains an estimated population of 16 million, 95 percent of whom are Muslim. Peshawar also shares a volatile border with Afghanistan, Iran and China. The U.S. government believes that Osama Bin Laden has probably taken refuge somewhere within this remote area.

'We don't force our services on anyone.'

Bishop Rumalshah

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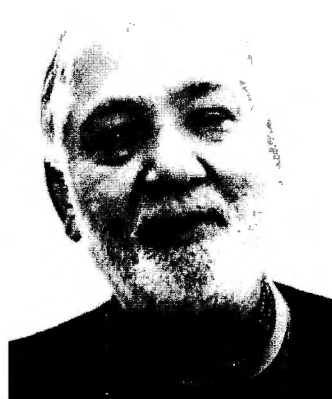
"Almost every other person you encounter in that part of the world is a Taliban," Bishop Rumalshah said recently in New York City. "They are human beings. Our hospitals and schools are open to all. We don't ask questions about Taliban or Al Qaeda, and we don't force our services on anyone. For the most part, our offerings are received graciously."

The Diocese of Peshawar runs a number of hospitals and schools in the province. After a devastating earthquake in 2005, it adopted five entire villages, pledging to provide everything from food, housing and education to jobs and training. Episcopal Relief and Development has been

instrumental in making sure that the diocese is able to deliver on its commitment.

Bishop Rumalshah is a third-generation Anglican. Most Pakistani Chris-

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Bishop Rumalshah

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Pakistan

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tians are descendants of the lower-caste communities which attached themselves to the British Army beginning in the 19th century. Originally part of India, Pakistan was under British Colonial rule until it achieved independence in 1947. Most Pakistani Christians have been unable to improve their social and economic standing under Islamic rule. The Christian minority is occasionally the victim of violence in retaliation for

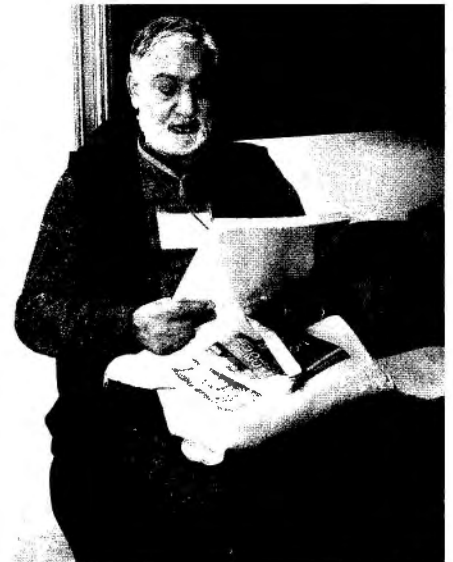
events over which it has no control, such as actions by the U.S. government or the publication of cartoons by a Danish newspaper which were deemed offensive to Islam.

Most of the time the violence is random, but other times individual Christians are specifically targeted. Bishop Rumlshah keeps a file with him of threatening letters addressed by name to clergy and other members of his diocese warning in gruesome detail of their fate if they fail to convert to Islam.

"We get pilloried more for what the U.S. government does than anything

going on in the church," he said. "Once in a while you get a snide remark, but for the most part [Pakistani Muslims] look at our lifestyles rather than those of American Anglicans. I think the downing of [Iraqi President] Saddam [Hussein] was every orthodox Muslim's hope, but not what has occurred since."

In recent years, a number of inter-faith initiatives have been started in Pakistan, but not all of them will prove



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Bishop Rumlshah reads letters from Pakistani clergy during a break at a conference at General Seminary in New York City.



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successful, according to Bishop Rumlshah. With Christians comprising such a small percentage of the overall population, it is often difficult for most Muslim leaders to understand how such relationships can prove mutually beneficial.

"Often these initiatives are seen as a desperate play for security and legitimacy," he explained. "It has also become fashionable to start an NGO [non-governmental aid organization]. Some of these are of dubious legitimacy."

Pakistani Christians feel very vulnerable, according to Bishop Rumlshah, who added that prayers and tangible relationships help to ease the sense of isolation. Reciprocal visits as part of a companion diocesan relationship are particularly appreciated, he said.

"The most important thing is to be aware of our suffering for the faith," he said. "We are right in the forefront." □

New Olympia Bishop Rickel Plans to Have a Low-Key Presence

The Rt. Rev. Gregory Rickel did not know what to expect when the House of Bishops met Sept. 20-25 in New Orleans.

By virtue of his having been consecrated Bishop of Olympia on Sept. 15, a few hours after the consecration of the new Bishop of Oklahoma, he will be The Episcopal Church's newest bishop. Being big on tradition, Bishop Rickel said he plans to learn the culture before speaking out on subjects.

The Rt. Rev. Richard S.O. Chang, retired Bishop of Hawaii and vice-president of the House of Bishops, presided at the consecration, which was attended by 2,500 at the Meydenbauer Center near Seattle. Co-consecrators were: the Rt. Rev. Vincent W. Warner, who retired as Bishop of Olympia the following day; the Rt. Rev. Nedi Rivera, Bishop Suffragan of Olympia; the Rt. Rev. Larry Benfield, Bishop of Arkansas; the Rt. Rev. Dena Harrison, Bishop Suffragan of Texas; the Rt. Rev. Don Wimberly, Bishop of Texas; the Rt. Rev. Barry Beisner, Bishop of Northern California, and the Rt. Rev. James Waggoner, Bishop of Spokane.

Bishop Rivera was the consecration preacher, and the Rt. Rev.

Michael Ingham, Bishop of New Westminster in the Anglican Church of Canada, conducted the examination.

The following day, Bishop Rickel was seated in St. Mark's Cathedral during Evensong. After telling the congregation he was happy at last to have a place to sit, Bishop Rickel preached about expectations in life, cautioning against disappointment when things do not turn out as envisioned.

The installation service included greetings from various ecumenical community leaders. Kausar Talat, secretary of the board of Idriess Mosque, represented the Islamic Center of Washington. He said he was looking forward to strengthening bonds between the communities. Senior Rabbi Daniel Weiner of Temple De Hirsch Sinai, in the midst of the high holy days, offered an extended blessing, concluding with one sung in Hebrew.

The Rev. Sandy Brown, executive director of the Church Council of Greater Seattle, commended Bishop Rickel's predecessor. Ecumenical leaders met weekly as guests of Bishop Warner. Bishop Warner played a low-key role during the pro-



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Bishop Rickel with the Rev. Andrea McMillin, co-chair of the search committee.

ceedings on Saturday, having undergone two angioplasties in the three weeks before the consecration.

On the Wednesday following the consecration, bishops Rickel and Rivera left to attend the House of Bishops' meeting. An avid reader, Bishop Rickel admires the writings of Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams.

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Presiding Bishop: MDG Timetable Probably Won't Be Met

The United States and other nations are making slow progress toward realization of the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), but the current pace is probably insufficient to achieve the benchmarks by the 2015 deadline, according to Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori.

Bishop Jefferts Schori made the remarks in an address Sept. 12 at "Reconciliation at the Roundtable," the inaugural conference at the Desmond Tutu Education Center on

the campus of the General Theological Seminary in New York City [TLC, Sept. 30].

"Many take Jesus' words that the 'poor will always be with you' as letting us off the hook," she said during a 30-minute question-and-answer period after the conclusion of her address. "The goals are important because they hold our feet to the fire.

"Ultimately the MDGs are only likely to be met by government generosity. Our country is generous, but it is not doing enough. I'm talking about

advocacy, lobbying senators. If you are intrigued or hooked by this, I hope you'll do more. Talking about MDGs seems almost as hard for Episcopalians as evangelism," she said drawing a laugh.

"The MDGs don't use overtly theological language to address the needs of children or feeding humanity, but they do represent the needs of the incarnation," she said. "MDGs fulfill the vision of Isaiah and the healing ministry of Jesus."

Steve Waring

Oklahoma's Fifth Bishop Consecrated

In his first remarks after being consecrated Bishop of Oklahoma on Sept. 15, the Rt. Rev. Edward J. Konieczny was brief and humble when he addressed a congregation of 3,000 at the Freede Wellness Center on the campus of Oklahoma City University.

Bishop Konieczny's brief remarks followed a lengthy ovation by the congregation when he was introduced during the consecration liturgy by Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori.

"I'm not sure what one says at this moment, except ... Whoa! You have honored me. You have humbled me. I pray that I earn it," Bishop Konieczny said when the applause finally quieted and he was able to speak.

The new bishop was celebrant at the Holy Eucharist that followed his consecration. He was formally seated in his cathedra the following day at St. Paul's Cathedral, Oklahoma City.

Bishop Jefferts Schori was chief consecrator. She was joined by the Rt. Rev. Robert M. Moody, who retired as

Bishop of Oklahoma the following day; the Rt. Rev. Edward Little II, Bishop of Northern Indiana, and the Rt. Rev. Robert J. O'Neill, Bishop of Colorado, as co-consecrators. Bishop O'Neill was also the preacher at the service.

Bishop Konieczny was a police officer in southern California for 18 years before entering the ordained ministry. He was rector of St. Matthew's Church, Grand Junction, Colo., when he was elected Bishop of Oklahoma on the first ballot in May.

As a parish priest, Bishop Konieczny's ministry was focused on working with redeveloping congregations, first in the Diocese of Texas and since 2002 at St. Matthew's. His departure will leave a significant void in the Diocese of Colorado. At the time of his election, he was president of the standing committee and secretary of convention; a member of the diocesan finance committee; alternate deputy to General Convention; congregational development consultant; chair of supervisors and tellers; member of



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Bishop Konieczny greets the congregation at the service of consecration in Oklahoma City.

the criminal justice ministry task force; spiritual director for Cursillo and Happening; and a member of the Southwest Region Executive Board.

Bishop Davis of Northwestern Pennsylvania Dies at Age 78

The Rt. Rev. Donald J. Davis, retired Bishop of Northwestern Pennsylvania, died Aug. 30 of myelodysplastic syndrome. He was 78. After being consecrated as bishop coadjutor in 1973, Bishop Davis led his diocese from 1974 until 1991 when he retired. In recent years he resided in Sarasota, Fla.

He was a native of New Castle, Pa., and raised in Frederick, Md. He gradu-

ated from Westminster College (Pa.), Princeton Theological Seminary, and Bowling Green State University. In 1955, he was ordained deacon and priest in the Diocese of Washington. He was assistant at Church of the Epiphany, Washington, 1955-56; rector of St. Christopher's, Carmel, Ind., 1957-



Bishop Davis
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63; rector of Trinity, Toledo, Ohio, 1963-71; and rector of Trinity, Bloomington, Ind., 1971-73.

Before he was consecrated, Bishop Davis was a member of the department of missions in the dioceses of Indianapolis and Ohio. In Ohio, he was also a member of the standing committee and the department of lay ministry.

Bishop Davis was involved with a number of committees in the House of Bishops. He also was a former member of the national Executive Council. During retirement he was active with many choral groups in the Sarasota area.

Bishop Davis is survived by his wife, Mary Gray; two sons, Stewart, of Knoxville, Tenn., and Addison, of Sarasota; a daughter, Kristin, of Oviedo, Fla.; three grandchildren; and a brother, LeRoy, of Frederick.

AAC's Anderson Among Four to be CANA Bishops

The Rev. Canon David Anderson, president of the American Anglican Council, will be one of four new bishops that the Anglican Church of Nigeria announced it is adding to the roster of CANA, the Convocation of Anglicans in North America.

The Rev. Roger Ames, rector of St. Luke's Anglican Church, Akron, Ohio, is another American elected by the Nigerian House of Bishops on Sept. 12.

The other two bishops-elect are Nigerian priests serving expatriate African congregations in the United States, the Ven. Amos Fagbamiye and the Rev. Canon Nathan Kanu.

Plans call for the four to be consecrated in the United States either in late November or early December, according to Fr. Ames, who said that he has been informed that a number of Global South primates will participate.

Pro-Cathedral in El Paso to Leave Episcopal Church

A majority of members of the Pro-Cathedral Church of St. Clement, El Paso, Texas, voted Sept. 16 to leave The Episcopal Church. Leaders of the downtown congregation did not announce a destination of a foreign Anglican jurisdiction as many churches have, but they told a reporter for the *El Paso Times* that St. Clement's would remain part of the Anglican Communion Network.

Church members who attended a special meeting voted 460-41 to dissolve the parish's relationship with The Episcopal Church.

"I'm very excited about the future of St. Clement's," said the Rev. William Cobb, rector. "I'm not at all surprised about the overwhelming vote because this is a unified church."

St. Clement's, which was once the cathedral of the old missionary Diocese of Southwest Texas and New Mexico, worked out an agreement with the Rt. Rev. Jeffrey Steenson, Bishop of the Rio Grande, in mid-September that will permit the parish to retain its property. St. Clement's will have to pay the diocese \$2 million.

California Supreme Court to Review LA Parish Case

The California Supreme Court unanimously agreed Sept. 11 to review a recent appellate court decision that granted the Diocese of Los Angeles title to the buildings and other properties of three congregations that voted to leave The Episcopal Church over doctrinal differences in 2004.

The decision in June by a three-judge panel from the Fourth District Court of Appeal reversed a lower-court decision which determined that the congregations were the rightful owners [TLC, July 15]. The three churches are St. James', Newport Beach; All Saints', Long Beach; and St. David's, North Hollywood. All three now claim affiliation with the Anglican Province of Uganda.



The Rev. Brett Webb-Mitchell (right) leads a workshop at Solo Flight.

Kay Collier-McLaughlin photo

Conference Honors Pilgrimage of Singles

Episcopalians from 25 dioceses came to be "on pilgrimage" with more than 50 other single adults Labor Day weekend at the 17th annual Solo Flight at the Kanuga Camp and Conference Center near Hendersonville, N.C.

The conference for Episcopal singles is based in daily worship, including the annual liturgy of Healing and Wholeness and Blessing of Singularity. During the extended weekend, participants attended workshops, which included sessions on "Art for Letting Go and Getting Ready to Live in Pilgrimage," "The Pilgrim Banquet," "Journeying with the Wounds That Glow," and "Walking as Pilgrimage: the Labyrinth and the Slow Walk."

Participants interested in forming or improving ministry with single adults in their dioceses and parishes also had the opportunity to study "Foundations of Ministry with Single Adults in the Episcopal Tradition," with Kay Collier-McLaughlin, founder of Solo Flight Ministries. A panel com-

prised of leaders Grace Buol of Bradenton, Fla., C.C. Johnson of Lexington, Ky., Holly Scholl of Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., and Beth Willis of Wassaic, N.Y., joined Dr. Collier-McLaughlin in sharing the "Nuts and Bolts of Ministry with Single Adults," ideas which have worked in their ministries.

The Rev. Brett Webb-Mitchell, an author and director of The School of the Pilgrim in Carrboro, N.C., was the keynote speaker. He encouraged conference participants to consider their single adult life a pilgrimage and hear God's specific call to them.

Fr. Webb-Mitchell and conference chaplain and musician the Rev. Jan Dunnivant (Diocese of Lexington) and the Rev. Bruce Stewart (Virginia) led the group over the Kanuga grounds on a pilgrimage at dusk, with participants taking turns leading the group, carrying the cross they had made out of twigs and sticks found near their meeting room.

ENCOURAGING SUGGESTIONS

Did You Know...

The Rev. J. Barrington Bates, rector of Church of the Annunciation, Oradell, N.J., once had a cameo role in the TV series "Third Watch."

Quote of the Week

Archbishop Peter Jensen (Sydney) on church life in the 1950s: "We did not need tea at church, for why would we? We were at church to attend worship, not primarily to meet people."

Just when you thought ecumenical possibilities for Anglicans were being trashed by the infighting within the Communion, along comes a document from the International Anglican Roman Catholic Commission for Unity and Mission (IARCCUM) that seems encouraging.

Called "Growing Together in Unity and Mission," this report presents a summary of 40 years of theological dialogue involving Anglicans and Roman Catholics. It also includes why Anglicans and Roman Catholics can work together toward "a shared vision of Christian unity," while at the same time acknowledging the difficulties that prevent a closer relationship.

It should be pointed out that much of this document is not new. For one thing, most of it was published shortly before the Anglican primates met in Tanzania in February, but few people saw it. The publication of it now is being done by the Anglican Consultative Council and the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity largely for study and dialogue.

In addition, a sizable portion of this report is a summary of what's taken place on the ecumenical front between Anglicans and Roman Catholics. While most of that was done by the Anglican Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC), this one comes from a different group. IARCCUM is a body comprised mainly of bishops from both churches. It is the suggestions made by members of this group that I found most encouraging. "Agreement in faith must go beyond mere affirmation," the document states. "We should always be seeking to share with one another and with the world at large the good gifts of the living God."

Here are some of the suggestions, offered "as practical examples of the kind of joint action in

- Plan more frequent non-eucharistic worship, including pilgrimages, processions of witness and daily offices.

- Anglicans and Roman Catholics should pray for the local bishop of the other church as well as their own bishop.

- Joint study of the scriptures, through home Bible studies, shared sponsorship of lectures, and various workshops.

- Encourage Anglican and Roman Catholic bishops to consider the value of "annual or more frequent meetings."

- Wherever possible, ordained and lay observers should be invited to attend each other's synodical and collegial gatherings and conferences.

- Bishops are encouraged to undertake joint study of recent Anglican-Roman Catholic documents.

- Encourage possibilities for engaging in some aspects of joint formation, such as diaconal training and ongoing clergy formation.

- Attend each other's ordinations.

- Strengthen the relations between Anglican and Roman Catholic schools.

- Strengthen relations between religious communities of the two churches.

- Joint training where possible for lay ministers.

- The two communions should work together globally with others to promote social justice, eradicate poverty, and to care for the environment.

What I find particularly encouraging about these suggestions is that they're made in the knowledge that Anglicans and Roman Catholics still have to face important issues that divide them. Such obstacles as the Vatican's refusal to

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mission that we believe our shared faith now invites us to pursue...":

- Local parishes should make a public profession of faith together, perhaps by renewing baptismal promises at Pentecost.

- Attend each other's Eucharists, "respecting the different disciplines of our churches," especially during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

recognize Anglican orders, the ordination of women, dogmas of the Assumption and Immaculate Conception, blessings of same-sex couples, and papal infallibility are presented reasonably in the document.

Attached to "Growing Together in Unity and Mission" are commentaries by two members of IARCCUM, a bishop from each tradition.

David Kalvelage, executive editor

Church Conferences Abound

In recent months, we have noticed advertisements in this magazine and other publications for church-related conferences to take place on a wide variety of topics. Some of them are billed as "national" events. Others have a more regional or diocesan focus. There are so many, in fact, that a person with unlimited income probably could travel from one place to another, doing nothing but attending church-related conferences. The plethora of such gatherings begs the question, of what value are these conferences?

Many of these events involve time spent with people who have similar interests or those who take part in comparable endeavors. There are conferences for Episcopalians involved in communications, music, diocesan administration, or history. Various groups that deal with such specialized ministries as addiction recovery, evangelism, stewardship, and others gather on occasion. And there are, of course, annual conventions, sometimes called councils or synods, in each diocese. The nine provinces of The Episcopal Church hold various gatherings, and the biggest meeting of all, the General Convention, takes place every three years. All sorts of organizations hold meetings, and the official boards, agencies, committees and commissions of the church meet on occasion.

Those who participate in church-related conferences often find them to be rewarding. There is usually opportunity to greet old friends and to make new ones. Members of various organizations can draw support and encouragement from others who have been in similar situations. Conferences sometimes provide resources to participants who may be involved in similar endeavors. In some cases, church-related conferences may be held in interesting places, providing new opportunities to learn about the surroundings and to see new things. If a conference has to do with the church, there will probably be a chance to worship with others, perhaps in a different style than back home, and sometimes one might hear a sermon or a lecture delivered by an expert in a particular field.

Church-related conferences can turn out to be rewarding experiences. For those who plan well and pick and choose carefully, they may be time well spent.

Moral and Legal Concern

In recent weeks, there have been many reports in the media about the sexual abuse of young people. Most of the publicity has been the settlement of cases of abuse in the Roman Catholic Church involving large amounts of money, but there have been incidents that implicate Episcopalians as well. These stories make for very unpleasant reading, particularly when they involve members of the clergy.

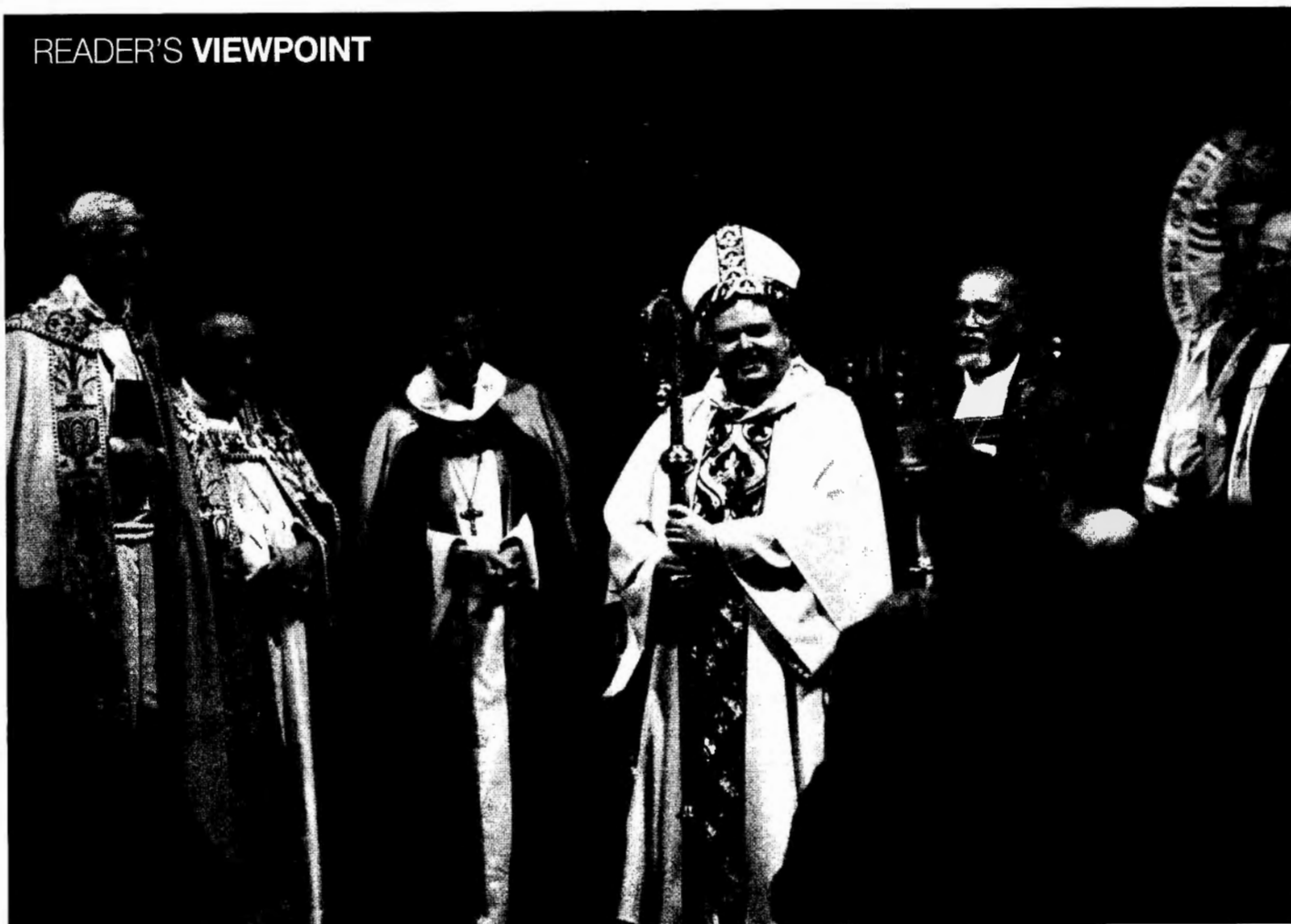
There was a time when stories of sexual abuse rarely were made public, and almost never heard in churches. For obvious reasons, victims and their families did their best to ensure that such publicity was not aired. In most cases, church authorities would transfer the offender to another jurisdiction, and eventually the matter would be forgotten.

Today stories of sexual abuse involving the clergy receive extensive publicity. In many cases, victims and their families seek damages of enormous amounts, perhaps implicating a diocese or a parish. This brings about a need for adequate liability insurance coverages for dioceses and parishes along with health insurance, for in many cases, the victims may require therapy.

Despite all the unfortunate publicity in cases like these, they are happening all too frequently. They should be reminders for church leaders that while they should be concerned about the moral dimensions of incidents like these, the legal and financial aspects should not be disregarded. In addition, churches should be prepared to offer a ministry of compassion to victims, that they may be comforted by a sense of God's goodness.



There are so many that a person with unlimited income probably could travel from one place to another, doing nothing but attending church-related conferences.



Bishop Rowe (center) with Bishop Jefferts Schori and others in Northwestern Pennsylvania.

Jim Ellis photos

The Episcopal Church at Its **BEST**

By John Wesley

The Rt. Rev. Sean W. Rowe became Bishop of Northwestern Pennsylvania on September 8. That day and the previous day, were banner days in the Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania. On Friday, the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, visited our diocese. She met with and later lunched with the clergy of the diocese.

It was the first time I had seen and heard Bishop Jefferts Schori. I have read her book, *A Wing and a Prayer*, read reviews of her book, read articles about her in *THE LIVING CHURCH* and elsewhere. But, as is usually the case, nothing prepared me for actually being in the same room with her. She is tall, so her "presence" is unmistakable. Yet, her posture, the gentle flow of her long limbs, her attentive focus when she talks with you one on one, her animated, affirming response when someone in the group discussion said something, was especially capsular.

The humility that she showed over the course of our time together seemed totally characteristic of Bishop Jefferts Schori. She did not lecture to us, but

rather invited us to have a conversation together. And we did. Openly and amicably we discussed what it means to be God's beloved, and later, with the same equal give and take, we conversed about the diocesan clergy's apparently unanimous belief that Bishop Rowe is without question the best match for this diocese at this time.

The consecration itself, held in the impressively large chapel at Grove City College (Grove City, Pa.), included everything those of us accustomed to liturgical excellence would expect. The pre-planning was flawless. The music was beyond superb, with three organists and a combined choir from across the diocese. Bishop Schori was present as the chief consecrator, but she allowed others the limelight. Bishop Rowe himself, normally effervescent in energy and enthusiasm, was visibly quieted by the moment and solemnity of the occasion. Bishop Mark Dyer, who presented the sermon, was eloquently low key, commending Bishop Rowe for his selection of lections, as he traced, highlighted and illuminated the unifying theme of the day — "anointed by the Holy Spirit."

The day was a refreshing mixture of appropriate pageantry, the kind of personal familiarity one nor-

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mally finds at a wedding rehearsal dinner, and a hopeful grasping of closeness among all present that seemed to be conveying the message, "We want to be a diocesan family." And we do!

Those two days in September felt like being present at a birth, a long-awaited and much-needed new beginning. In reflecting on the significance of these days, I became conscious of five things that reminded me why I chose to become an Episcopalian 41 years ago:

1. The beauty of our way of worship is unequalled anywhere else in Christendom. The setting, the vestments, the words of liturgy, the emotional grip of the music, and growing cloud of incense all converge to say "You are on holy ground," and to invite those present to "worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." The way we worship is a gift to all of Christendom as well as to the unchurched, and we would be short-sighted to underestimate its power as a tool for church growth.

2. I am part of something much larger than myself. The presence of the Presiding Bishop, numerous other bishops, representatives from our Lutheran and Methodist neighbors, splashed a visual awareness that our identity goes beyond our individual souls, beyond our congregations and their communities, beyond our diocesan and even our denominational borders. The additional references in song and liturgy to the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church and to the communion of saints extend our perceptual boundaries even further. To embrace and be embraced by such a cloud of witnesses is both humbling and exhilarating.

3. I was reminded again that our Episcopal tradition has deep roots. Our tradition extends back more than 200 years; our Anglican roots more than 450 years; and both our spiritual and liturgical roots, even beyond the onset of the Reformation. Our apostolic succession unites us with Christians of every generation. There is both hope and security, as well as an incredible sense of strength for mission, in the realization that I am a part of a tradition so deeply rooted.

4. Our church is anointed by the Holy Spirit. Bishop Dyer, in his sermon, emphasized the significance of Jesus' choice of Isaiah 61:1-8 to launch his public ministry. The implication of Bishop Rowe's selection of this passage for his consecration seems to suggest his desire for his episcopacy to symbolize a renewal of spiritual anointing for the churches of Northwestern Pennsylvania. It is a welcome vision for this diocese because most Episcopalians realize that what we have been doing is not working. Bishop

Rowe's election represents both a cautious expectancy regarding diocesan leadership and an equally cautious willingness on the part of communicants to follow in a new direction, so that the church here may be built up in every place.

5. I am reminded of The Episcopal Church I came into in 1967. While the human spirit may not have wanted to, the Spirit that dwelt in the members of my sponsoring congregation led them to embrace diversity of opinion as an essential ingredient in The Episcopal Church as they had come to



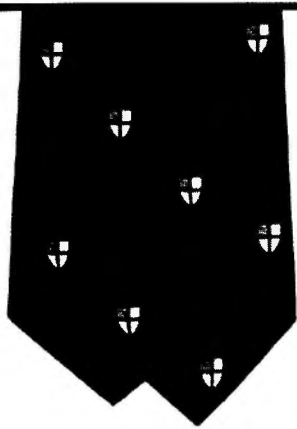
Fr. Rowe in the procession at the service of consecration.

understand it. They had become willing, for the sake of Christ, to "agree to disagree" over some issues and opinions about which they had very strong beliefs. They believed continuing to love one another, worshipping together, and accepting someone as a brother in Christ with whom they had serious differences of opinion were over-riding requirements for being Episcopal Christians.

I was reminded of The Episcopal Church at its best. I was reminded of the church that has something important and unique to offer the rest of Christendom and our communities. And I have had renewed in myself an awareness that I am again proud to be an Episcopalian, glad to be a priest in Northwestern Pennsylvania, and feeling very blessed as a result of two days in September. □

The Rev. John Wesley is senior pastor of a cluster of five congregations in the Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania.

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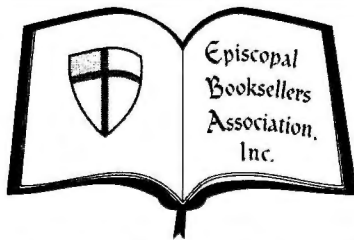
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Clothed in White

The immersion baptism of an infant by Lisa Fischbeck [TLC, Sept. 9] offers an incentive for reviving this practice. Her account, however, leaves the dripping infant in the arms of the godparent for the remainder of the rite. I share an account of a beautiful baptism which incorporates the clothing in white.

Years ago, I was privileged to attend a conference on baptism and the symbolism of water. On the Sunday morning before the sessions began, I went to a Roman Catholic church. It was not a formal church building, but rather a large room with a platform and pews. At the front of the stage a tub was placed shielded by a low paneling to make it a part of the altar area.

In the bulletin for the service that Sunday, along with the baby's new name, was an introduction to the parents — even including their picture — and the father's vocation.

The service began with a procession down the center aisle by the priest and servers, followed by the baptismal party with two attendants bearing a ewer of water and the holy oils. The baptism followed very much as that described in the article. There was no laughter; this was a holy occasion.

What then occurred was the clothing in white. Even though this is not included in the BCP rubrics, it is a primitive ceremony to mark the purity of the newly reborn. The towel-wrapped infant was immediately taken by the baptismal party to the sacristy while the congregation sang a hymn. The party reappeared with the child in a white, nearly floor-length, christening dress. Then the final ceremonies and prayers (including the giving of a candle) took place. No one could miss the reality of a death and resurrection experience, and that this child was "reborn in the Spirit" (BCP, p. 306).

*(The Rev. Canon) D. Delos Wampler
St. George's Church
Schenectady, N.Y.*

The frontal-view photo of the immersion baptism of the naked male child [TLC, Sept. 9] shows how low the standards of this church have plummeted. Had this been a female child in the hands of a male priest, all hell would have come from the liberal females in this "church." Yet I am sure it will be viewed as "art" by many in its ranks.

This is arrogance, not art. The whole self-congratulatory attitude of this presentation is but a symptom of the real lack of Christ's presence in the church.

I place "church" in quotes because,

in The Episcopal Church, it's all about pedigree, the collection of letters behind one's name, how many countries one or one's children have studied in, what kind of scotch or wine one drinks, Brooks Brothers clothing, and Ferragamo shoes. It about placing creations above the Creator.

The church is about Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ died for the entire world. He died for Muslims, Buddhists, atheists, Hindus. He didn't just die for Christians.

Every knee will bow and every tongue will ultimately confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. Isn't about time



IMMERSED
Death and resurrection are made especially plain when an infant is baptized by immersion.

Richard Wampler
This may be viewed, after all, as the baptism of an infant who is not yet a person. The child is being baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, but the child is not yet a person. The child is being baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, but the child is not yet a person. The child is being baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, but the child is not yet a person.

The Episcopal Church starts telling others about him and not themselves?

*Mary Jean Van Deusen
Northumberland, Pa.*

Wandering Around

Bishop Clarence C. Pope, Jr., [TLC, Sept. 2] has certainly lost his way. When he was ordained bishop under the rites of The Episcopal Church, he promised to "...solemnly engage to conform to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of the Episcopal Church" (BCP, p. 513). How easily he walked away from that commitment.

Now he is wandering around after a misguided effort to join the Roman Catholic Church, and has the audacity to tell us that the Catholic movement in The Episcopal Church is at an end. I suggest that there are many Episcopalians who are vigorously supporting the Catholic movement and will continue to do so.

Bishop Pope's understanding, or lack thereof, of the Anglican faith is regrettable. I do hope that someday he will find it.

*Constantin Costen
Fort Worth, Texas*

The Real Story

THE LIVING CHURCH asked the Diocese of Easton to provide an article about the meetings held here about the House of Bishops' "Communion Matters" study document, and we were glad to do so [TLC, Sept. 2]. What a surprise, then, to see in print a version that had been edited for inaccuracy! TLC's version said that the sessions were held in 2006, that 80 people attended (more like 250 attended), and that the topic for discussion was "homosexuality." Nowhere in the original article does the word "homosexuality" even appear. While I understand the need to edit for length, inserting inaccurate and sensational language is at best sloppy, and at worst totally lacking in integrity. Those who would like to read about the good thing that actually happened in our diocese can find the original article on the diocesan website, dioceseofeaston.org.

*(The Rev. Canon) Heather E. Cook
Diocese of Easton
Easton, Md.*

True Repentance

I read Dean Limehouse's letter [TLC, Sept. 9] with eagerness, thinking that at last he was going to answer the question of why those who emphasize biblical morality seem to ignore Jesus' clear teaching about remarriage after divorce being adultery. But his only answer is, "Repentance is the key to a sinner's new life." What he failed to mention is that true repentance involves a sincere intention to stop the sinful behavior that led to the repentance in the first place. I'm curious how his concept of being repentant has affected his relationship with his second wife. The original question still remains for me.

*(The Rev.) Tom Magruder
Portland, Ore.*

Generous Contributor

Al Hillestad [TLC, Aug. 19] was a generous contributor to charities in San Miguel, particularly Feed the Hungry, which feeds more than 3,500 children every day. My wife and I had the good fortune to share a lunch table with him occasionally over the past 10 years in San Miguel. It was my privilege to loan him a clergy shirt and collar for his niece's wedding a couple of years ago. He was a real gentleman, someone whom I admired and whose company I enjoyed. May his soul rest in peace in the paradise of God.

*(The Ven.) Michael R. Long
St. Paul's Church
San Miguel, Mexico*

Strange Games

All the strange game-playing being done by Bishop Jefferts Schori and others in The Episcopal Church is just that: strange game-playing.

Anglican Christianity pre-dated its expression in the U.S.A., and will outlive the residue of The Episcopal Church.

Those clergy and laity who hold to true Anglican Christianity need to hold fast to their faith and its roots in the Book of Common Prayer of 1662 (as expressed in various languages), find faithful leadership, and carry on.

*Stan Nelson
Dallas, Texas*

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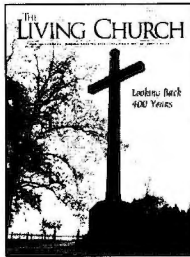
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The Rev. **Priscilla Wood**, as priest-in-residence at Christ Church, Medway, MA.

The Rev. **Robert Woodroffe**, as rector of St. Gabriel's, Marion, MA.

Deaths

The Rev. **Michael Carlin Coburn**, 67, retired vicar of St. Paul's Church, Warsaw, IL, died Aug. 23 at River Hills Village, Keokuk, IA, of colon cancer.

Fr. Coburn was born and raised in Elgin, IL. He was a graduate of Grinnell College, the University of Delaware and Nashotah House. In 1966, he was ordained deacon and priest in the Diocese of Chicago, and he went on to serve 35 years in that diocese, at Christ Church, Waukegan; St. Boniface, Tinley Park; Holy Communion, Maywood, and Advent, Chicago. The last five years of his ordained ministry were in Warsaw, in the Diocese of Quincy. Fr. Coburn taught for a time at Triton Junior College, River Grove, IL. He is survived by his wife, Diane, of Warsaw; two grandchildren; a brother, Rodger, of Lakeland, FL; and a sister, Constance Jameson, Grove, OK.

The Rev. **Frank Newton Howden**, priest of the Diocese of Connecticut, died Aug. 28 in Diocese. He was 91.

A native of Philadelphia, he was educated at the University of the South, Central Connecticut State University, and the General

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Theological Seminary. He was ordained deacon and priest in 1943. He served in five dioceses, at SS. Peter and John, Auburn, NY; All Angels', New York City; St. John's, Fords, NJ; St. Luke's, St. Alban's, VT, and was rector of Trinity, Waterbury, CT, 1956-66. In recent years he lived in Tunbridge Wells, England. Fr. Howden is survived by his wife, Valerie.

The Rev. **Robert Piper**, retired priest of the Diocese of Southern Ohio, died July 6 of lung cancer. He was 63.

Born in Buffalo, NY, he served in World War II, where he earned three battle stars and a Presidential Unit Citation. He graduated from the University of Cincinnati and Bexley Hall. After practicing law for a time, he went to seminary, then was ordained deacon in 1962 and priest in 1963. Fr. Piper was curate at St. Edward's, Whitehall, OH, 1962-63; rector of Christ Church, Ironton, OH, 1963-67; and rector of Trinity, Hamilton, OH, 1967-70. Since then he had been practicing law. Surviving are his wife, Marge; two daughters, Linda Sherman, of Montana, and Bonnie Jo, of Oxford, OH; a son, Robin; and grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The Rev. **Rowland A. Clarkson**, 78, retired rector of St. James' Church, Greeneville, TN, died July 3.

Fr. Clarkson was born in Oklahoma City and was educated at the University of Oklahoma, the General Theological Seminary, and United Seminary of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. He was ordained deacon in 1973 and priest in 1975. Fr. Clarkson served the Greeneville parish from 1986 to 1998. He is survived by his wife, Germaine; two daughters, Leslie Richards, of Roanoke, VA, and Laura Johnson, of Nashville; a son, Lance, of Greeneville; and two granddaughters, Aubin and Abigail Richards, of Roanoke.

The Rev. **Benjamin Eric Johnson**, deacon of the Diocese of Iowa, died July 26 in Dubuque, IA, where he resided. He was 59.

A native of New Castle, PA, he was a graduate of Parsons College (IA). He was ordained to the diaconate in 1995, and served at St. John's Church, Dubuque. He is survived by his wife, Rebecca, and one child.

Other clergy deaths as noted by the Church Pension Fund:

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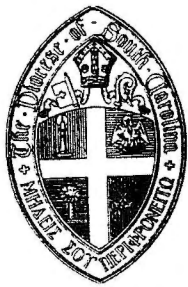
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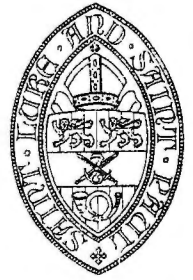
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