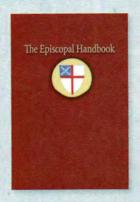
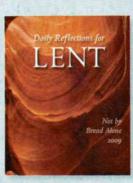
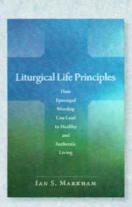


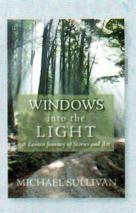
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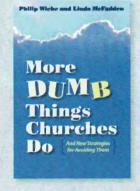


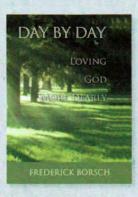












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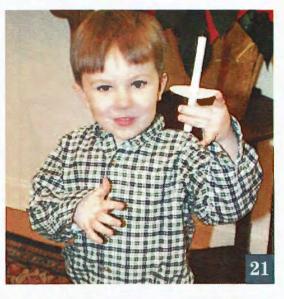
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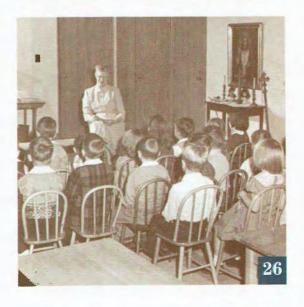
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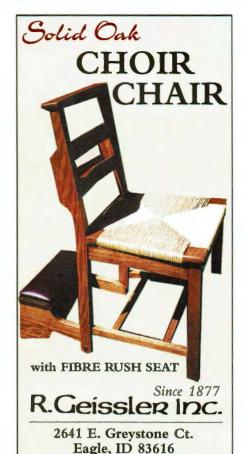
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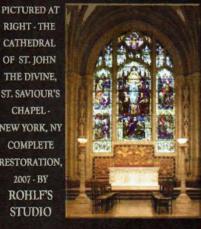


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Talk To My Agent

'Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' (Luke 2:49b)

The Second Sunday after Christmas, Jan. 4, 2009

BCP and RCL: Jer. 31:7-14; Psalm 84 or 84:1-8; Eph, 1:3-6, 15-19a; Matt. 2:13-15,19-23 or Luke 2:41-52 or Matt. 2:1-12

Most who read this column have probably never needed to negotiate a really big business deal. But every one of us has entertained at least a brief fantasy about what we'd do if suddenly we had a zillion dollars. In that case, we would be smart to learn four little words: "Talk to my agent."

Every human being, however, has "business" to "transact" with God, business for which we need an "agent." In the religious life of our spiritual forebears, the ancient Hebrews, this role of agent was filled by the priests in the Jerusalem temple. The priests acted as the agents of the people. They transacted their business with God.

As Christians, we know that Jesus is our high priest. When he was 12 years old, his family made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. It's a familiar story — Jesus went missing for a couple of nights, and when his frantic parents found him, where was he? In the temple, carrying on a learned conversation with the teachers there. And when they gently suggested that he might have let them know of his plans, his response is penetrating. Jesus says, "How is it that you sought me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" He

was referring, of course, to his heavenly Father, whose earthly house was the temple.

It's as if we had a retrospective glimpse of 12-year-old Babe Ruth surveying the grounds on which Yankee Stadium would be built, or an adolescent George W. Bush (or Barack Obama) taking a tour of the White House in which he would someday live. Jesus is in the temple, the place of doing business with God. Our agent is staking out the territory. He's not there yet to act on our behalf, but that time will come soon enough. In fact, the deal that Jesus, our agent, will make for us with God will render the temple and everything it represents obsolete. As supreme high priest and supreme sacrificial victim, Jesus will make the one necessary sacrifice, offered once for all people in all times, the sacrifice that reconciles us to his Father and ours.

Jesus our agent has cut a deal for us that we could never have made for ourselves. And he's still out there working for us. Whenever Satan accuses us and says, "You're just a bunch of sinners, and you belong to me, so pack your bags for hell," our response is simple: "Talk to my agent."

Look It Up

Where in the Bible is Jesus portrayed primarily as a high priest? (Heb. 4-10)

Think About It

What "business" with God might you hand over to Jesus to "transact" on your behalf?

Next Sunday

The First Sunday after the Epiphany, Jan. 11, 2009

BCP: Isaiah 42: 1-9; Psalm 89 or 89:20-29; Acts 10:34-38; Mark 1:7-11

RCL: Gen. 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

Feasting on the Word

Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary Year B, Volume 1

Advent through Transfiguration

Edited by David L. Bartlett and Barbara Brown Taylor, Westminster John Knox, Pp. viii + 463. \$39.95. ISBN 978-0-664-23096-8.

There are some excellent helps for preachers on the market.



So just when one thought that one had enough books to be getting on with in the preparation of one's sermons. there appears perhaps the most imaginative com-

mentary on the Revised

Common Lectionary to date. David Bartlett and Barbara Brown Taylor are to be congratulated for creating a unique and remarkable commentary that after only one volume (there are to be four volumes a year for a total of 12) already stands head and shoulders

above the rest. This first volume begins conveniently with Year B. which started on the First Sunday of Advent 2008, and takes us to the Last Sunday after the Epiphany (which is also called in this commentary "Transfiguration Sunday"). The next volume for Year B is to appear shortly.

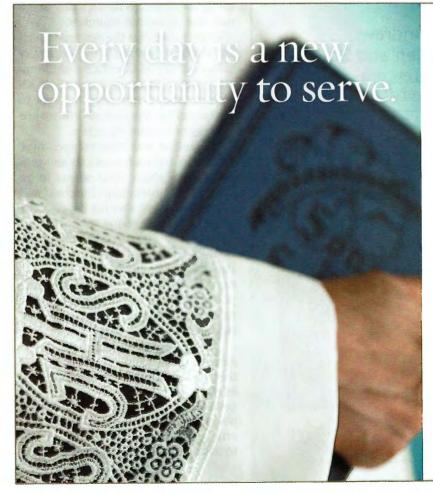
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The contributors to the series are congregational pastors, academics, and others from across the Christian traditions who are engaged in the

preacher's task - including The Episcopal Church (Taylor is a priest and one of The Episcopal Church's best, known preachers). The text of the readings is printed in full from the New Revised Standard Version, and here the Anglican preacher must beware. First, because the text of the psalms will differ from the text of the BCP, which is the text we use for the liturgy; and second, because the translation of the NRSV is not always satisfactory. But neither of these factors mars the extraordinary originality of this series, and the undoubted help that it will be for countless preachers, even the most experienced among us.

In the interests of full disclosure, I ought to confess that I am a contributor to a later volume. But even having shared in a small way in the formation of the series, I am hugely impressed by the result. The best news is that the

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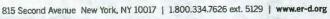
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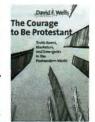
> (The Very Rev.) Peter Eaton Denver, Colo.

The Courage to Be Protestant

By **David F. Wells**. Eerdmans. Pp. 253. \$25. ISBN 0802840073.

Because of the content of this interesting book, I was forced to rethink

how we "do church," and how we participate in some of the movements in the church. David Wells' concern for truth, biblical authority, the place of Christ and the cross in the church today, morality and moral law, and especially



what constitutes "binding authority" are all major issues facing many of the mainline protestant churches.

Wells writes that the essentials such as "inspired scripture, the centrality and necessity of Christ's substitutionary work on the cross," as well as his concern about truth are on target in the face of the theological drift we see in many protestant churches.

The author may have stepped over the line in his condemnations and generalizations about what seems to be not only all "marketing churches" and "emergents," but also his conclusions about their motives and goals. His criticism of "post-war evangelicals" such as Billy Graham, John Stott, and J.I. Packer, by seeming to lump them into a group who have focused on the "simplicity of the gospel" and lost its "profundity" is contrary to what one might read in the writings of Stott or Packer.

According to Wells, some emergents do not stand for solid biblical theology, and much about their gatherings are fluid. However, the emergent church is trying to reach young people, in particular, the "post-moderns" who have become jaded by the hypocrisy and corrupt and often

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unChristian

What a New Generation Really Thinks about Christianity ... and Why It Matters By David Kinnaman and Gabe Lyons. Baker Books. Pp. 255. \$17. ISBN 978-0-8010-1300-3.

Christians are getting the same kind of respect as journalists, lawyers and producers of political ads on TV. The authors of this book want to know why the Christian message has become so garbled, and they're just the folks to find out.

David Kinnaman is president of the Barna Group, the specialists in spiritual research, and Gabe Lyons is founder of Fermi Project, which commissioned the work described in this lively book. Contributors include Chuck Colson, Margaret Feinberg, Dave Gibbons, John Stott, and a number of other Christian leaders.

The authors probed the minds of "outsiders," people who look at Christianity from outside. Some are atheists

> or agnostics, some are Muslims, Jews, Hindus. Some are the unchurched, non-bornagain Christians. authors found that nearly two out of five young outsiders say they have a "bad impression" of Christianity. That's three times the num-

ber just a decade ago.

The authors found an uncomfortably negative view of Christian attitudes toward gays. Christians are often seen as arrogant and self-righteous - not at all like Jesus, whose reaching out to outsiders is so well documented.

Where Did We Lose Touch?

In their encounter with outsiders of every sort, the authors found that "a new generation thinks of Christianity as devoid of spiritual vibrancy, parochial, small-minded and ignorant." As we Christians make headlines in disputes with each other and in strident condemnations, outsiders wonder where we lost touch with gospel forgiveness, mercy and justice. As this book says, "We have become famous for what we oppose, rather than what we are for."

Americans argued recently whether

they were already in an economic recession, or just sliding toward one. This readable book takes on another issue. Is the practice of Christianity in recession and in need of a bailout?

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Is the Bible Always Right?

By Donald Kraus. Seabury. Pp. 166. \$16. ISBN 978-1-59627-068-8.

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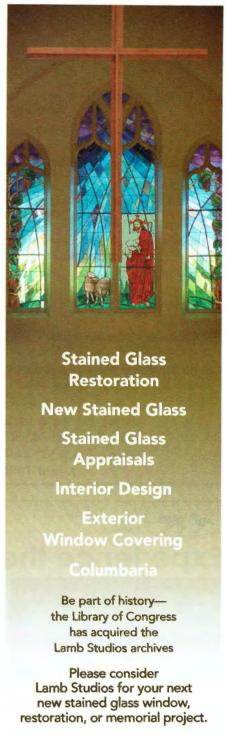
wish to understand more deeply major issue which is now dividing The Episcopal Church. It is especially valuable for those who wish to remain loval to The Episcopal

Church in this time of turmoil.

Mr. Kraus meticulously goes through some of the principles of responsible biblical interpretations. Some of these principles could be straight out of St. Augustine. He then examines each of the sections, with their contexts, which are used to condemn homosexuality and homosexual persons. His approach to these interpretations is reminiscent of the very principles which were used to condemn slavery, support remarriage after divorce, support the equality of women, and other divisive issues of the past. He ably demonstrates that if one wishes to condemn homosexuality by a literal biblical argument, then one must also consistently argue for other positions which are quite abhorrent.

Finally, this book also helps us to look to the future. There will be other social changes which may appear to be contrary to the Bible. Faithful people will need tools to help them discern the purposes of God, which are ultimately behind the literal words of scripture.

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If you are what Earl Creps calls "on the downside of the cool curve," he suggests you find a younger person to mentor you. The "exercise in humility" of working with a



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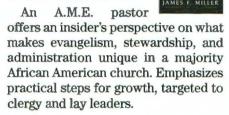
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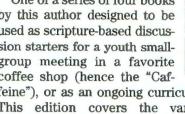
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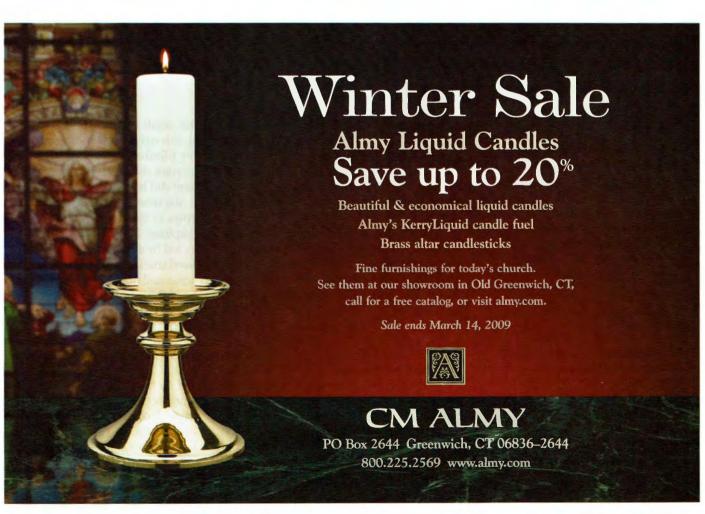


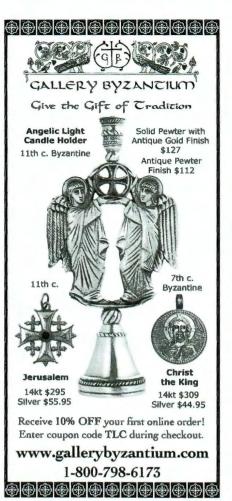
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Journey with the Magi (in Rome)

By Lyndon Shakespeare

On a lovely winter evening last January, the small toes on both my feet throbbed from nearly a week of walking around, through, down and up into the streets, churches and treasures of Rome. Writer Elizabeth Bowen's sentiment that knowledge of Rome is gained from the "thinning shoe-leather" up into the entire body was more than mere rhetoric. My feet did hurt and my knowledge of Rome had barely begun. However, there was one more walk, one more journey to be taken before the early-morning departure to the airport.

It was the early evening on the Feast of the Epiphany. Standing on the side of the road, costumed kings and wise men paraded, led by a truck holding the holy family. Speakers hung from the roof of the blessed truck emanating something in Italian than I assumed was the story of Christmas and hopefully, an invitation to follow, because my wife and I did. Amidst the children with candles and the curious onlookers, we joined the parade that began and stopped, began and stopped, down *Via Carlo Alberto* to the *Piazza Vittorio Emanuele*. The air was laden with candle smoke, festivity and truck fumes. Yet we followed Mary, Joseph and the Christ child, unsure of what to expect or exactly where their travels would take us.

Eventually we reached the piazza and were met by Italian police. I think they were working crowd control; that or they were protecting Jesus and his family from the emergent mass. Hemmed in by the faithful, our encounters with the holy family, the kings and the wise men continued through a large projection screen beaming live the manger scene hidden behind a wall of humanity.

The story continued to be told. I continued to be perplexed and amazed; perplexed by a story so familiar yet now to my ears so foreign and strange; amazed that every impulse in my body, from my aching toes to my engaged senses

wanted to hold on to what was unfolding before us. If only I could grasp one image, one moment, then I would have it forever. But for the first time in the Eternal City, I was without a camera. So many sights beckoned to be captured forever in digital media. Not so this night.

We had journeyed with the Magi to kneel before the well-covered Italian baby Jesus. There was little more to do than pay homage. But how does one do this through the metal bars surrounding the piazza? Simply, you give attention, pay heed, and allow the spectacle to capture you and transform that moment into an epiphany of God. Mere meters from me, the *autobasileia*, as the church father Origen called Jesus; "the kingdom in a person" was being revealed, bathed in light, for all the nations to see and worship.

Luckily for us, and on behalf of us, a select few had brought gifts.

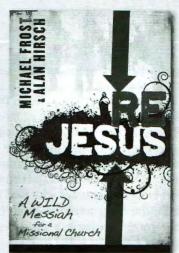
The chosen ones came forward to offer their gifts to the gentle Mary seated next to a rather stoic Joseph. The crowd cheered with each offering. Behind me moved a women with a sling-pouch over one shoulder. She moved effortlessly through the common humanity. Was she removing wallets and watches from the enraptured crowd, or was she maneuvering to have a closer encounter with the child at the center of this drama?

The lively tone in the voice booming from a nearby speaker returned my attention to the manger. The kings had finally come forward and as each bowed on one knee to present treasures of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the increasingly wiggly Jesus, the humanity around me rose to a new level of anticipation.

There was obviously one last gift. Breaking through the onlookers, a child of 6 or 7 climbed onto the manger stage and eagerly surrendered his package. The crowd cheered with the kind of song that you imagine from Italian soccer matches: long, modulated and joyous. Around me, people exchanged greetings or some such — was there a particular thing one said to others on Epiphany?

I remained focused on the manger

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that was reaching wholeness in my vision as more and more of the faithful made their exit from the piazza. I noticed that Jesus had fallen asleep. It appeared his mother might have been Mary but his father looked like one of the wise men. Oh the irony! The gentleman who had been standing beside me turned and spoke what was perhaps. the mysterious Epiphany greeting. "Ciao?" That's all I could say in return. It seemed to work.

I do not remember the route we took back to our quaint apartment on Via Dei Capocci. We still had dinner to eat. As we meandered back, the worn stones of ancient Rome reminded my feet of their week-long lesson in acquiring understanding of this city. I thought of the Magi, how they had followed the star to Jerusalem and there, heard and

believed what the prophets had said about the new King. He was not to be born in the center of things, like in the majesty of any of the basilicas of modern Rome, but in Bethlehem, away from the expected sites, much like a piazza near the Termini train station and the morning markets. Having rejoiced in their encounter with God in the flesh, the Magi returned home by another route; perhaps a road less impressive than their initial trek.

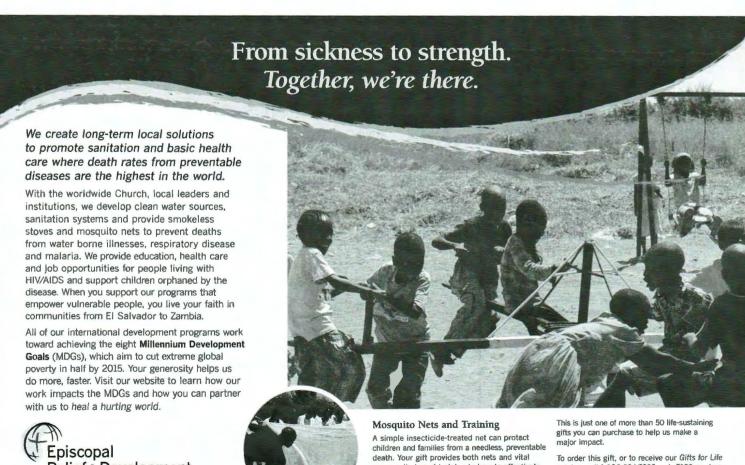
I trust their feet hurt, too.

The Magi had learned through the thin-leather method of education, that an encounter with Jesus is the beginning of a new life: life in the kingdom. Their gifts earned them very little praise or adoration, yet their endurance and faithfulness to the foreign God of Israel placed them as witnesses to how far and wide the knowledge of God stretches.

Amidst the backdrop of the threatening Herod and the powers of ancient Rome, the Magi pronounced in their journey and discovery that kings come and go and nations come and go, but God makes himself to be eternally found. Even in our exhaustion from walking and searching, in the marrow of our weakened state. God is available; for he is always seen and known in the babe born in Bethlehem, the son of Mary who is revealed in the mystery of God as the crucified and resurrected Lord. This is the lesson and hope of the Epiphany.

And the only thing I can think to say is, Ciao.

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By Joanna Seibert

first met Epiphany when I was 11 or maybe 12 years old. A boyfriend and his parents took me to visit her on an icy winter night on January 6 in the mid 1950s. I sat in the candlelight in the small Episcopal church in my hometown in tidewater Virginia and heard her ancient liturgy and her haunting mystic melodies. As we walked out of the small-town, white, wooden church into the bitter cold January night carrying our small candles, the first winter's snow also came down to celebrate her.

Epiphany led me to an experience I wanted to have again and again. Epiphany revealed to me a living presence, a God, greater than myself that was also greater than time, eminent and transcendent. But like many epiphanies, I soon became caught up in growing up and going to school and succeeding in life and let her slip away and did not again seek her out for many years until I was a junior in medical school. I was studying and working at a frantic pace. My marriage had recently failed. I felt alone, exhausted, and damaged. I was open to Epiphany's call.

I connected to the dean of the Episcopal cathedral in Memphis, William Dimmick, and he led me by the hand back to her feast day, this time in St. Mary's Cathedral. This January 6 the darkened stone church was packed with young people. Now I heard haunting ancient as well as contemporary music. A priest of the Greek Orthodox Church read the gospel in Greek. At this service, three ornately adomed wise men sang as they slowly and majestically processed down the long center aisle of the nave and laid their gifts on the memorial altar.

The service ended as we sang hymns and the cathedral came ablaze with light as our candles were lighted. Like the wise men, we continued to sing as we processed now in the opposite direction, recessing away from the altar and out into the dark night, taking our new light out into the world beyond the cathedral.

That January 6 I stayed with Epiphany and she has been my companion for 40 years. Each year we continue to celebrate her gifts 12 days after the feast day of Christmas. She is a reminder of God's coming, God's pres-

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God's presence to the entire world,
not just to a chosen few.

ence to the entire world, not just to a chosen few. We are strengthened by worshiping in new and old ways, the manifestation of the living, eminent, incarnate God, and as we also are strengthened and enlightened, we are called to take that light, that love, that enlightenment, out into a world that is often cold and exhausted, and dark and damaged and lonely.

Epiphany yearly also shows us one more revelation. Out in the world, we see her path in the dark night more clearly because of her great light from so many more candles than our own light.

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Executive Director Named for THE LIVING CHURCH

Christopher Wells, newly minted Ph.D. in theology from the University of Notre Dame, has been named executive director of the Living Church Foundation.

The appointment of Dr. Wells was announced by the Rev. Thomas A. Fraser, president of the board of directors of the foundation, and is part of a restructure of the foundation's staff. Dr. Wells will succeed David Kalvelage, who is retiring as executive editor of The Living Church.

"Dr. Christopher Wells is one of the most gifted and enthusiastic young Episcopalians in the church," Fr. Fraser said. "I am delighted to have him now at The Living Church, and enormously excited about the ways in which he will be able to lead the foundation in serving all Anglicans everywhere."

Dr. Wells is a native of Grand Rapids, Mich. He graduated from St. Olaf College and earned a master's degree at Yale Divinity School. He completed his doctorate last month at Notre Dame, where he specialized in the history of Christian theology (especially Thomas Aquinas) and the 20th-century ecumenical movement.

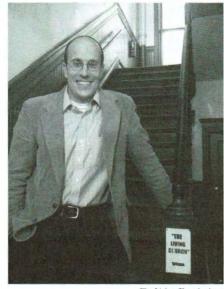
He has lectured widely throughout The Episcopal Church, and taught a course on ecumenical theology at Notre Dame in 2004-5. He is a cofounder of the website Covenant (http://covenant-communion.com), a movement of Christians committed to the renewal of the church catholic by returning to the scriptural, sacramental, and missionary heart of obedient discipleship.

At present he is a "scholar-in-mission" in the Diocese of Dallas, and in the spring he will teach at the Anglican seminary in Grahamstown, South Africa, College of the Transfiguration. Dr. Wells has published articles on ecclesiology and ecumenism in several academic journals as well as TLC, and he has delivered papers and made presentations at a number of events, including one sponsored by the Anglican Communion Institute in Toronto, Canada, in November.

Member of Special Commission

He was a member of the Special Commission on The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion by appointment of the Presiding Bishop and the president of the House of Deputies, and a co-author of the commission's report, *One Baptism, One Hope in God's Call*, published prior to the General Convention in 2006.

In the Diocese of Northern Indiana, he was a deputy to the 75th General Convention, and is a deputy to the 76th convention, to be held in Anaheim Calif., in July, and also served as a member of the commission on min-



The Living Church photo

Dr. Wells will assume his duties at THE LIVING CHURCH after General Convention.

istry, the board of examining chaplains, and the search committee for a canon to the ordinary.

Dr. Wells is a friend of the Anglican Centre in Rome, a fellow of the Episcopal Church Foundation, and a former visiting fellow at the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest.

The Living Church Foundation is the publisher of The Living Church magazine, *The Episcopal Choir Director's Handbook*, and *Illuminations*, and is the operator of the Living Church News Service website.

Quincy Clarifies New Roles of the Bishop and the Diocese

The standing committee of the Diocese of Quincy recently clarified its relationship with The Episcopal Church and its former bishop, the Rt. Rev. Keith L. Ackerman, who resigned as bishop of the diocese Nov. 1.

"Bishop Ackerman fully supports those of us who have realigned with the Province of the Southern Cone and who are moving forward, as part of the Common Cause Partnership, to build a united, orthodox Anglican province here in the U.S. and Canada," said the Rev. Canon Ed den Blaauwen,

president of the standing committee and vicar general. Canon den Blaauwen added that Bishop Ackerman serves as one of seven lead bishops of the Common Cause Partnership in his role as president of Forward in Faith/North America. That organization has worked for almost two decades for the creation of a traditional Anglican province in the U.S.

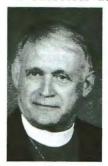
"The new province I have long supported is now becoming a reality," Bishop Ackerman said, "but there are still churches in The Episcopal Church who need care from orthodox bishops."

Canon den Blaauwen said Bishop Ackerman has accepted a part-time position as an assisting bishop in the Diocese of Springfield, a role that will allow him to continue to work with orthodox Anglicans who have not chosen to join the new province that is forming.

Canon den Blaauwen said Bishop Ackerman plans to relocate to the Dallas/Fort Worth area to be closer to his children and grandchildren.

Bishop Henderson Sets Retirement Date

The Rt. Rev. Dorsey F. Henderson, Jr., Bishop of Upper South Carolina since 1995, called for the election of his successor at a meeting of the



Bishop Henderson

diocesan council on Dec. 13. Assuming that canonically required consents to his announcement are forthcoming from a simple majority of bishops with jurisdiction, Bishop Henderson said he will resign effective on either

the day the new bishop is consecrated or Dec. 31, 2009, whichever is first.

In a pastoral letter sent to members of the diocese and published on the diocesan website, Bishop Henderson said he had come to the conclusion that he had done about all he knew how to do and that it was time for someone else to lead the Diocese of Upper South Carolina into the next level of Christian discipleship.

"When, following our diocesan convention last October, I met with the newly formed diocesan executive council, and recognized their enthusiasm, their commitment, the efficiency of our present commission structure, and progress we have all made by God's grace and your ministry — I recognized that it was time for us to take the next step," he said. "Upper South Carolina needs a bishop who can cooperate with you, and provide appropriate episcopal leadership, in moving into the next level of Christian discipleship.

"It is also true that my ministry as a member and then president of the Title IV [disciplinary] Review Committee of The Episcopal Church absorbed some physical, emotional and spiritual energy, and dulled somewhat the edge of my creativity. It has not, however, reduced my love of the Lord and the Lord's church, nor the sheer joy I have as a deacon, priest and bishop."



St. Paul's Church photo

Mary Roehrich, a member of the standing committee, and the Rt. Rev. David Jones, Bishop Suffragan of Virginia, during the Eucharist at Pittsburgh's reorganizing convention.

Re-Established Pittsburgh Diocese Convenes

The Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh held its reorganizing convention Dec. 13-14 at St. Paul's Church in Mt. Lebanon, Pa. The special convention, "Coming Together in Faith," adopted a budget and elected more than 50 people to positions vacated by those who followed Bishop Robert Duncan out of The Episcopal Church after convention voted Oct. 4 to realign with the Anglican Province of the Southern Cone.

Twenty-seven congregations sent voting deputations to the meeting, including Trinity Cathedral, which previously announced plans to serve as the cathedral for both dioceses and had sent deputies to the convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh (Anglican) as well. Deputies approved a \$789,198 budget for 2009. The amount includes a grant of \$270,000 from The Episcopal Church.

Special guests included Bishops Nathan Baxter of Central Pennsylvania, Paul Marshall of Bethlehem, Sean Rowe of Northwestern Pennsylvania, and David Jones, Bishop Suffragan of Virginia, who had been retained by the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh as a special consultant. Other guests included the Ven. Richard Cluett, recently named by Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori as pastoral

assistant to reorganizing dioceses. Bishop Jefferts Schori briefly greeted participants in a video recording shown during the convention.

The Rev. James Simons, president of the standing committee, set the tone for the convention in his state of the diocese address. Referring to Ecclesiastes 3:5, Fr. Simons declared, "I would like to suggest that we end the season of stone throwing and enter into a new season — one in which stones are gathered, gathered so that we might rebuild what has been torn down."

Fr. Simons announced that the standing committee had signed a letter of agreement with the Rt. Rev. Robert Hodges Johnson, former Bishop of Western North Carolina, to serve as assisting bishop through July 2009.

The convention adopted resolutions to ratify previous actions taken by the standing committee, to waive the required deadlines for nominations and resolutions, to consolidate regional parish groupings from eight to six, and to re-establish accession of the diocese to the constitution and canons of The Episcopal Church. No debate was needed for approval of the four resolutions, which attracted no negative votes and only a single abstention.

Lionel Deimel



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The labyrinth at St. David's Church, Caldwell, Idaho, was dedicated Nov. 17 for an additional use as a helipad for West Valley Medical Center, across the street from the church.

Rio Grande Drops Network Affiliation

The standing committee of the Diocese of the Rio Grande has voted unanimously to disaffiliate from the Anglican Communion Network.

The decision, which was also endorsed by the area and cathedral deans, was made following the Network's annual council meeting in Overland Park, Kan., Dec. 8-9.

"In 2004, the standing committee had expressed support for the work of the Anglican Communion Network in providing a place within The Episcopal Church where those of a more conservative outlook could find a place of encouragement for their mission and ministry within the church," the standing committee said. "As the Diocese of the Rio Grande looks toward the future, and particularly as it works toward electing its next bishop, the standing committee felt increasingly that the work of the Anglican Communion Network no longer served the constructive purposes hoped for in the 2004 resolution.

"The support of the Anglican Communion Network for the creation of a separate Anglican church in North America, announced on Dec. 3, served as the catalyst for the action of the standing committee at its meeting." The withdrawal of the Rio Grande, which did not send any representatives to the annual council meeting, leaves eight of the original 10 dioceses nominally in the organization. Four of the original 10 founding dioceses — Fort Worth, Pittsburgh, Quincy and San Joaquin — have withdrawn from The Episcopal Church.

Network leadership approved a resolution to incorporate its finances and operations into the new province which has been proposed for North America. That transition is to happen within the next months. The resolution also committed the Network to "enter into conversation with that part of the membership of the Anglican Communion Network remaining in The Episcopal Church as to whether they might desire to take upon themselves the original mantle of the Anglican Communion Network," which was meant to be an organization dedicated to internal reform of The Episcopal Church.

Bishop John Howe of Central Florida withdrew his Network affiliation about six months ago in favor of affiliation with the Anglican Communion Institute. The remaining four Network dioceses are Albany, Dallas, South Carolina and Springfield.

Primates Say Archbishop Williams Won't Help or Hinder New Province

Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams will neither assist nor hinder attempts to create a new Anglican province in North America, according to five primates who met with him recently in London.

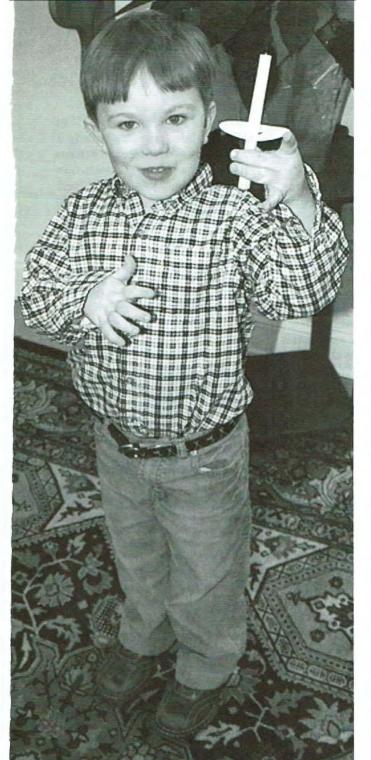
The five primates are all members of the Global Anglican Future Conference (GAFCON) primates council. They included Archbishop Benjamin Nzimbi of Kenya, Archbishop Peter Akinola of Nigeria, Archbishop Emmanuel Kolini of Rwanda, Presiding Bishop Gregory Venables of the Southern Cone, and Archbishop Henry Orombi of Uganda.

A variety of subjects were covered during their five-hour meeting, including the boycott of the Lambeth Conference by more than 200 Anglican bishops, the proposed Anglican Covenant, and the concern felt by many Global South leaders with innovations to doctrine and discipline being undertaken by The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Church of Canada.

No Authority

Archbishop Williams also expressed concern about the ongoing border incursions by overseas primates, to which the primates offered the proposed new province as a solution. But meeting participants who spoke with the *Church of England Newspaper* said Archbishop Williams was not asked for his approval of the province. Legal advice previously given to Archbishop Williams determined that he does not have the authority to make or disenfranchise provinces independently of the primates' meeting and the Anglican Consultative Council.

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Young member of Good Shepherd Church, Galax, Va. [p 23].

Mending generations of denominational fragmentation takes patience and a prayerful heart.

That We All May Be One

These congregations do more than just cooperate.

By James Hamilton

The decision to merge churches of differing denominations can be inspired by necessity, mutual mission or ecclesiastical edict. Any of these initial reasons for shared ministry can result in a congregation growing and thriving. But there is a need for care. Mending generations of denominational fragmentation takes patience and a prayerful heart, for there are plenty of stories of ecumenical alliances that have ended in petty bickering and brokenness.

The following are examples of churches that are making it work. Their circumstances are each unique, but they all share an understanding that a common community requires a common sense of God's calling.

A Tenacious Church

"Christ calls us to be one, and I think we have to have the mind of Christ to be a part of this kind of community," the Rev. David LaSalle said as he reflected on his past 11 years of ministry at Holy Apostles' Anglican Roman Catholic Church in Virginia Beach, Va. He uses words like "lean," "flexible," and "transparent" to praise this 30-year ecumenical experiment joining Roman Catholic and Episcopal congregations.

It may seem unwieldy to a visitor, but when the eucharistic prayer starts, two services are celebrated at two altars simultaneously. "We sync up again at the Memorial Acclamation," Fr. LaSalle explains about the synchronous celebrations. He suggests that the separation of the two altars at opposite sides of the nave helps the parish form a stronger bond in mission. "The community is full of love," he says. "It has to be. We are already fractured because we can't be at table together."

This intentional tension was the product of a friendship and vision of an Episcopal bishop and a Roman Catholic bishop in the late '70s. Instead of waiting for broad ecumenical change from governing authorities, the parish has decided to boldly exemplify Christ's unified body. Fr. LaSalle is willing to accompany any community that would like to try the same experiment in audacious ecumenism. Because of canon, there is a need for two priests, one Roman Catholic and one Episcopal, at each celebration.

Radically Hospitable

Almost two hours from a major city and hemmed in by a ridgeline and the sea, the people of Gualala, Calif., speak proudly of their self-reliance. There has been a long Episcopal tradition in (Continued on next page)



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Gualala, but not enough critical mass to warrant a church. Instead of being defeated, a retired Episcopal priest, the Rev. Peter Farmer, and a Lutheran missioner decided to create a hybrid congregation. With blessings from both

The Rev. Walter Pieper (left) of the ELCA and

The Rev. Walter Pieper (left) of the ELCA and the Rev. Gillett Bechtel, an Episcopal priest, concelebrate at Shepherd by the Sea Church, Gualala, Calif.

bishops, Shepherd by the Sea Episcopal Lutheran Church was born.

Anticipating the move to common mission between the two denominations, parishioner Jim Jordan says, "You have to say to yourself, God is calling us all to witness in the world, to understand our ministry as being larger than our denomination, and so now the issue becomes one of how do we do that, making the best use of the resources God has given us in the community, in this place?"

Their creative style doesn't stop there. Members worship at a Roman Catholic church where instead of paying rent, their contribution goes entirely into an outreach fund for those in need. Even though they voted recently to become a member of the Diocese of Northern California for ease of governance, they operate under a covenant created by the Lutheran synod and the diocese to protect their Lutheran identity.

Without a priest or building to define them, Mr. Jordan suggests a more essential ecclesiology. "God has given us the capabilities," he says. "It is up to us to use them. God has given us all the capabilities needed to be who we need to be where we are."

Being Relevant

"Merging parishes forces you to do certain things that each denomination should be doing anyway," says the Rev. Ian Reed-Twiss with characteristic frankness. Holy Faith Episcopal Lutheran Church, Saline, Mich., merged by wading into ecumenism. Faith Lutheran and Holy Cross Episcopal shared a building for several years for



The Rev. lan Reed-Twiss officiates at an out-door Mass for Holy Faith Church, Saline, Mich.

financial reasons. When the Episcopal priest died, the Lutheran pastor helped support the community in transition. So the two congregations that became one in 2004 were far from strangers.

Fr. Reed-Twiss refuses to be bogged down by the makeup of the parish. He suggests that you have to have

"three feet — one foot planted in each denomination, but one foot planted in the world. You still have to be aware of the newcomer coming from the culture in which the church is placed. More important than combining churches is finding ways to make the church relevant."

He suggests that liturgy is one of the most important

elements to a merging of two communities. "Just having the liturgy fully printed out in the bulletin is a big advantage. That is a very basic, missional thing." Many merging congregations choose to take elements of both liturgical traditions and mix them together in a full order of worship, both retaining the words of two traditions and fusing them into a new worship style.

Open to Change

The Rev. Annie Ryder is reluctant to offer Christ Episcopal-Trinity Lutheran in Sheffield, Mass., as a template for how to make two churches one. "It's wrong to make cookie cutters out of circumstance," she puts it. But there are real lessons to be learned from how Christ Episcopal was attuned to the needs in its community.

Trinity Lutheran was struggling, facing the nearly certain reality of closing its doors. But part of Christ Church's ministry has always been to infiltrate its community. "We want to be visible," Ms. Ryder said. "We have always passed out water at



Communion at Christ Episcopal-Trinity Lutheran Church, Sheffield, Mass.

parades and had hot dog picnics for the community." But this time it wasn't water or hot dogs: Christ Church offered Trinity a home. Adjustments were made to emphasize the welcome of Trinity, so its members did not feel like they were being forced to become Episcopal. Two crosses process down the aisle. Lutheran banners are given places of honor during worship.

One of the secrets to the success of this merger was in preparation. Both the former pastor of Trinity Lutheran, the Rev. Steven Edmiston, and the bishop who had planted the church participated in making the transition one of celebration in both sustained history and new ministry. As Ms. Ryder suggests to anyone looking at diminishing funds and dwindling attendance, "Maybe God has something different in store for you."

Everyone is Invited

He thought that his call to active ministry may have been over, but the Rev. Jim Drury still needed to meet and serve the people of Ascension St. Matthew's in Price, Utah. Here was an obvious continuation of God's nudging toward ecumenism. Recently hired as a Lutheran leader in this mixed church, Pastor Drury will have to call on the lessons he learned in Sitka, Alaska, where all denominations work together in service and worship (from Russian Orthodox to his Lutheran congregation).

Pastor Drury, author, poet and all-round creative thinker, seems a perfect match for this innovative parish. Ascension St. Matthew's had a fairly traditional collaboration story with an outreach twist. The Lutherans were meeting in the basement of the Episcopal church. So when the building was deemed unfit and the parish moved, the Lutheran church became part of the family. Still, after the two congregations were folded together, they realized that

there was a strong third component: People who wanted to worship with them but, for reasons of the Mormon culture in Price were reluctant to quickly pledge allegiance to either denomination.

Did it work? Parishioner Barbara Warren remembered a recent committee that needed to designate the denomination affiliation of each member. The committee sat in front of a list of members and mused, "How are we going to remember who is who at this point?" Finding leadership that can embrace the ecumenical work of a parish is key to its continued growth.

Focus on the Big Stuff

Trinity Ecumenical in Moneta, Va., was the natural progression of a Bible study where friends didn't want to break up into their denominational units. Moneta is a young community, envisioned as a retirement destination in the 1960s, so there are no historical churches that have collapsed into one. Trinity is an intentional ecumenical church plant.

The Rev. Gary K. Scheidt, Presbyterian, is the head of four different entities in a covenant agreement. There is an

Children's activities at Trinity Ecumenical Church, Moneta, Va.

Episcopal vestry, a Lutheran council, and a Presbyterian session that all fall under the umbrella of Trinity Ecumenical. Seem complicated? Dr. Scheidt was immediately "blown away" by the congregation's enthusiasm to make this arrangement work. Their attitude from the beginning was "This is our vision, a Godgiven vision, and you can either help or get out of the way."

bers' drive was missiological in origin and the towering import of that mission dwarfs all theological disputes. "There is much more conflict within each denomination than between any of them," he explains, "so the challenge is dealing with the broad theological diversity within each theological group." When Episcopalians, Lutherans, and Presbyterians all merge, some might suggest they are creating their own non-denominational hybrid. Dr. Scheidt is quick to correct. "The one thing they did not want to do was be an unbranded community church," he said. It was the "Spirit-led" creation of a covenant document that is the key to their continued harmony in tension. Then problems, like Presbyterians not being in full communion with the other two churches, are met with creative and decisive

Michigan Model

The Rt. Rev. Wendell Gibbs, Bishop of Michigan, models how Episcopal dioceses and Lutheran synods should work together toward common goals. "We have all kinds of Lutherans and Episcopalians serving in our diocese," he says before rattling off all the shared parishes of different sorts. But the collaboration goes beyond parish leadership.

The Lutheran synod has offered to share its youth camp, to house a satellite diocesan office in its new headquarters, and to collaborate on important lobbying initiatives for statewide social justice issues. In an annual meeting the leaders of Michigan diocese and synods discuss new initiatives that will benefit from collaboration. "We are easily crossing boundaries," the bishop amends himself, "or rather, there are no boundaries and we are working together in so many ways." Many dioceses are finding creative ways to work across denominational lines as one body.

solution (there is a weekly ecumenical service and biweekly Lutheran and Episcopal Eucharist at the early service).

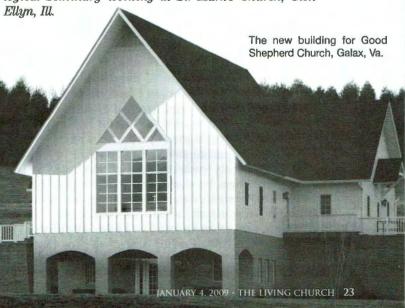
They All Need Each Other

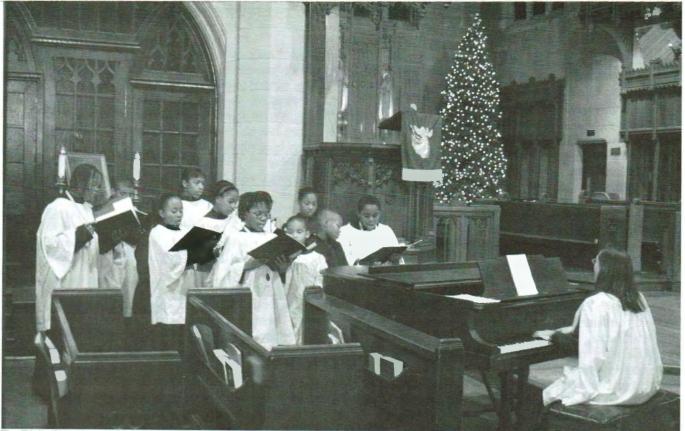
The Rev. Helen Beasley has a calming, pastoral tone to her voice, a quiet strength she uses to guide Good Shepherd Episcopal Lutheran, Galax, Va. Good Shepherd Episcopal was formed 31 years ago and met with 14 members in an "upper room" of the juvenile probation offices in Galax. This small group showed their determination to thrive by picking apples and mulling them into cider to sell, raising funds for a church building.

By 1989, Good Shepherd was still a small but fiercely driven Episcopal mission. Then the Rev. Stanrod Carmichael, vicar, attended an ELCA meeting to discuss a Lutheran church plant in the Galax area. Pastor Beasley relays the thoughts of the first Lutheran leader, Dr. Robert Walker: "What began as a suggestion that the two disciplines might plan to share premises became a hope that a more integral unity might be achieved. Lutherans and Episcopalians began to share services."

Today, Pastor Beasley serves a parish with astounding outreach capability for its size. Her vision is to bring in the spirit of Christ that is more encompassing than one denomination. And when she proclaims, "They all need each other," she sums up the pastoral heart of all ecumenical experiments. Christ calls us to be one because we all need each other.

James Hamilton is a graduate of Seabury-Western Theological Seminary working at St. Mark's Church, Glen





The Trinity Choristers, led by Diane Caruso, Director of Music at Trinity.

Doug Benoit photo

Everyone Gets Involved

Trinity Church, Asbury Park, N.J., grows as the work is spread around

By Willy Thorn

Ost churches have unique personalities. The Rev. David Stout, rector of Trinity Church, Asbury Park, N.J., says his church's personality is reflective of the people in his neighborhood.

"There's a definite grittiness to life in Asbury," Fr. Stout observed. "The people are hard working, they love to laugh, and clap on a dime, especially when they have something to give thanks for."

That thankful spirit caught Fr. Stout by surprise when he arrived at the parish.

"I had to get used to a pause before the Great Celebration," he said. "They've always taken a moment to honor individual celebrations. Last Sunday, 18 people came up: A new driver's license. An "A" in school. A taekwondo belt. Twenty years of sobriety. Someone who was diagnosed with AIDS 10 years ago and is still here today. Birthdays and anniversaries. Successful surgery."

The tradition was started by a previous rector, according to longtime parishioner Marie Cooper.

"People quickly came to love it," she said. "It is a chance for them to share, and to be supported and embraced. For some, especially the lonely and disenfranchised, it is a wonderful way to feel connected.

"I am a very private person, so I have only gone up to the altar twice," Ms. Cooper confessed. "The first time was for my 50th birthday. The second time was this year. I had a fall and broke my shoulder in March. I was so badly hurt I did not get to church for three full months. That first time back I was overjoyed. I wanted to share that happiness."

"For those with heavy loads, going through dark times, mired deep in the valley ... seeing God's light in others gives them hope," Fr. Stout said. "It tells them, 'I can make it, too."

Honoring celebrations is just one example of an intentionality that helps Trinity maintain diversity, Fr. Stout said.

"It's an interesting, eclectic parish family," he said. "People are drawn here by the diversity: white, black, gay, straight, young, old, married, single, partnered. Most are middle-aged, holding down jobs, juggling families."

To meet the needs of this eclectic group, the parish offers "blended" liturgy.

"We even put together our own hymnal, with music that works well in this space," he said. "We have informality and warmth, without losing reverence. There's a lot of flexibility and fluidity, but people are comfortable with it."

He said Trinity "leans on the high-church side," but admits, "it's a flip-flop high; a very relaxed high. We process. We have cathedral-style worship, with banners waving, but we also do a beach Mass in July and August called "The Mass on the Grass with Brass.' People on the boardwalk stop and join us."

Trinity Church photo

Tarnished "Jewel"

Trinity hasn't always been this diverse. In 1996, when Marie Cooper arrived at Trinity, hers was one of just four families with young children.

"The congregation mostly consisted of older people who had been stalwarts for years, some gay couples who had been shunned elsewhere, and the severely mentally ill and/or homeless who would wander in," she recalled. "Sunday morning attendance averaged

six people at 8 a.m. and approximately 30-40 at 10. "Because we were such a small group, we became very close. Our greatest bond was that we loved Trinity Church."

The century-old, English Gothic church is a remnant of the days when Asbury Park was "The Jewel of the Jersey

Some of the congregation of Trinity Church gather outside after the Eucharist. Trinity Church photo

Shore'," Fr. Stout said. "It was one of many gems between New York and Atlantic City where people could escape the heat of

"But that was before people could fly off to Disneyland," he said. "All that changed. The median income dropped. A lot of people moved away and passed away. Asbury Park had a high crime rate. There were porn shops and adult theatres three blocks from here."

Ms. Cooper said the changes were disheartening.

"The church was literally crumbling around us and there was no money to maintain or repair things," she said. "Activities of the past - fund raising, socials, and formal dinners - no longer occurred. The city had changed drastically from a thriving resort to a depressed city full of crime and poverty. It really seemed possible that Trinity might not survive."

Turn-around

In the years since Fr. Stout's arrival, Trinity's average Sunday attendance has quadrupled. Pledging units have increased 450 percent, and the gross pledged amount has risen 600 percent. He said that his time serving as associate priest for member incorporation at St. Bartholomew's Church, New York City, taught him the principles essential for resurrecting Trinity.

"We had five services every Sunday at St. Bart's, all liturgically distinct," he said. "All clergy were out front 20 minutes before every service, setting the tone. In a place



like New York, where your neighbors and co-workers come from many varied traditions, the only way to live together is to learn about each other. I'm a firm believer that diversity of clergy voices adds to diversity of parish."

Fr. Stout has put that principle into practice by putting together a team of clergy. The Rev. Susan Osborne-Mott is assistant rector, and is joined by the Rev. Tom Conway, a retired priest who served as the parish's interim rector: the Rev. Mary Frances Schjonberg, an Episcopal Life media correspondent: Deacon Gail Bennett: the Rev. Tom Pivinski, a Roman Catholic priest; and the Rev. Bill Forbes, a Presbyterian minister. Mr. Forbes assists with stewardship and adult formation. Fr. Pivinski is chorister chaplain and assists with adult formation. Both also participate in the weekend preaching rota.

"Everyone preaches," Fr. Stout said. "Hopefully in the mix, you find someone you connect with."

Fr. Stout said another lesson learned at St. Bart's is to facilitate connections to the sacred. "What often gets in the way of that is the church," he admitted. "When we're unwilling to meet people where they're at, we miss opportunities to connect. (At Trinity) we make clergy available for coffee, and offer newcomer courses regularly so people can learn about the parish and its traditions.'

He also believes the parish must share its vision with the wider community.

"You have to be aggressive in communicating what God is doing," he said. "We do press releases and fliers. On the first Sunday of the month, we show up in Asbury Park's downtown with "Ask a Priest Anything" banners. On our webpage, we post opportunities for people to serve and put their faith into action."

Fr. Stout said that while many aspects of St. Bart's model have worked at Trinity, others have not.

"Asbury Park is just a different community," he said. "The crime rate is high, so getting anybody downtown at night didn't work. That means evening programs were difficult to make happen. Also, a significant number of parishioners are here only on weekends. How do you do choir rehearsal on Thursdays? This season we eliminated it, and just extended Sunday rehearsals. It continues to be something with which we are finding our way."

Fr. Stout said Trinity's standard approach is to "provide means for people to participate in whatever way they are (Continued on page 41)







Sunday school in 1952.

How We Captured Our Parish's History

By Martha Prince

s family elders tell stories of their forebears to the younger generation, a parish family can do the same. Perhaps this account of organizing, displaying, and writing a parish history may be of help to others.

My husband, Jack, and I have been active members of Christ Church, Whitefish Bay, Wis., for more than 50 years. Christ Church was started in 1931. After just 25

years, a good parish history was written by Frederic Sammond, one of the founders. It told the story of the struggles of a small group to start a suburban church during the Depression, and to build a building during World War II and later.

People often think of history as "the olden days," which in our case would be that first 25 years. A lot has gone on at Christ Church since 1956, however, and we have taken on the task of bringing the story up to date. Often anniversaries bring to mind the idea of parish history. At the time of the parish's 50th anniversary in 1981, I filled part of a shoe box with note cards

based on reading through 50 years of our monthly "Messenger" newsletters. The material sat for another 25 years.

Meanwhile, others had been saving clippings, programs and directories and making photo albums. One of our founders, Helen Barnes, lived to be 100 and became

our primary touch with the past. She wrote about the early days from her viewpoint, was videotaped, and kept all sorts of memorabilia.

In the '90s, two of us went through the parish archives. What should archives consist of? The basic contents would be legal papers, records of baptisms, weddings and funerals, and vestry records. To bring the story to life, however, the newsletter files, along with photos, clippings, and recordings, are a major addition.

There is usually some conflict in an office between "pack rats" and those who want to clear things out. A parish should have some rules to be passed on from leader to leader, specifying which material should be kept. Historians tend to be pack rats, but someone needs to go through all the stuff and put it in order, avoid duplication, and try to identify and date pictures.

A recent problem we encountered is how to archive material which comes off the parish website. We haven't solved that yet. Digital photos are on computer discs. Historians should think in long time frames, however, and computers, their operating systems, and

their word processing programs change too frequently. Discs are too fragile for long-term archival storage. Important material should be kept in hard copy. If clippings or photos are disintegrating, they should be copied as well.

What is the point of keeping this material? It should be



Cover image from An Illustrated History of Christ Church, Whitefish Bay, Wis. 1931-2008



The first building for Christ Church, later known as the Little White Church.

brought before the parish from time to time. On several parish anniversaries we made displays of some of our photos with explanatory paragraphs on foam-core boards set up on tables. Scrapbooks went on the tables below.

In 2006, at the start of our parish's celebration of its 75th anniversary, the slogan "Celebrate the Past-Focus on the Future" was adopted. Articles on the church's history were presented in our monthly "Messenger" newsletter on such topics as worship, women's activities, youth trips, and choir. These articles ran during our anniversary year, when several former rectors and other clergy were invited to return.

At some point, we felt that we had the beginnings of a 75-year history book. We decided to write and publish the book ourselves. We took a risk that we will sell enough copies to pay for the printing, after which any profit will go to the parish. Portions or all of the book were read by a number of people, and our current rector, the Rev. Lee Downs, wrote a foreword, but we decided we would rather take responsibility for the writing and expense ourselves.

While the computer is a great improvement over what the process of writing our story would have been 50 years ago, it also can be a great deal of work, especially for someone not trained in making page layouts. incorporating text or photographs. Word processors and publishing programs in current computer program suites (such as Office) can be used, but it would be easier to work with one of the programs capable of formatting words and photos. While historical accuracy and storytelling ability are principal requirements in a parish history, the story can be obscured if the visual design of the book is not well done. A historian may wish to find a gifted parishioner or a professional designer for this part of the process.

When considering the layout of the book, advice is available from online publishing companies. We had planned to have the book published by an online printer, but when we were nearly done we found that a local printer would do it for less, allowing us to check page proofs for color, and saving shipping costs.

We managed to have copies available for initial sale a month before Christmas. Besides current parishioners, we aim to sell the book to former parishioners and children who grew up in the parish. If there are copies still around in 10 years, they can be made available for new members.





Outdoor Eucharists in 1973 (above) and 2008 (below).

The entire process may sound daunting to anyone thinking of working on a parish history. Any part of the process, however, is a step in the right direction. If a parish is much older than ours, its stories from the early days may be difficult to find, or non-existent. Events of 20 or 40 years ago, though, are also part of its history. If you consciously collect clippings and pictures, date and identify them, and ask older members to tell their stories, you will be storing material for future historians.

Now our task is to organize the material we have been using which has piled up at home and get it back to the church. We will try to leave the archives in a state in which a future historian can use. History is never done.

Martha Prince is a member of Christ Church, Whitefish Bay, Wis.

TALKING About Money



Focus on stewardship as much as Jesus did.

By Kurt H. Dunkle

Before attending seminary, I served as a stewardship consultant for a few churches in the Diocese of Florida. I loved to tell my family's own stewardship story and how it changed our lives for the better. I even had a pretty good sermon and I liked to talk about how money is one of the chief windows to our spiritual lives. I loved explaining how we are all one of the three types of givers: grudge givers, duty givers or joy givers. As I went through each category, I could always see the listeners totting up in their heads which type of giver they were. Surprisingly, most of us landed firmly — and proudly — on the "duty-giver" square.

I particularly enjoyed shattering that image of "duty" as God's goal for us.

Talking about stewardship was exciting to me because so many of us think only about stewardship as "dues" or "support" for the church. I suspect most in the congregation thought, "We must give because it's our duty... then he'll stop talking about it until next October." But over many years of trial and error (admittedly, mostly error on my part), I have come to realize that there is much better news about stewardship around the proverbial corner. It really is the good news.

Upon arriving in New York City a few years ago, I was called to go back to Jacksonville to lead a vestry and church through some more intensive examination of their total stewardship. Before leaving for the airport one afternoon, I encountered an older lady at church who asked where I was going. "To Jacksonville," I replied, "to lead a vestry retreat on stewardship." Surprisingly, she said, "I hope you are not going to spend all your time talking about money."

I assured her, "Only as much as Jesus did."

She seemed quite satisfied with the answer. I bet she

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found some comfort in the fact that surely Jesus wouldn't talk about money all the time. Well, as they say in the cartoons, *au contraire*, Pierre.

Of all the subjects Jesus talked about in his three-year ministry, money and possessions were the most common. He talked about it everywhere and all the time. He talked about it to the Greeks and the Jews, the young and the old, men and women, those who had it and those who didn't. He didn't discriminate on this one.

I think the reason Jesus spoke so much about money was because it is the one remaining thing we always

hold onto, to the exclusion of giving a relatively tiny portion away in his name, for an unbelievable impact in his world. And, perhaps because he knew that this was one of the true paths to earthly joy.

So why do we hold on so tightly? Why do we resist such good, godly advice?

I think it's because, for some crazy reason, we think that God wasn't telling us the truth when he said he has given us not only what we need, but more than we need. We just don't trust him very much with that aspect of our lives. And more than anything else, money (and all our other "stuff," by the way) is our false security blanket. We trust it too much. Stewardship, giving just some — not all — of what God so generously gives us, also reminds us that when we wrench up our courage, God is right. We can do this. In echoes of the children's book, The Little Engine That Could, through stewardship of our money, God constantly whispers to us, "I know you can, I know you can, I know you can."

Stewardship is about trusting God. Alas, that doesn't come naturally for us. We are not automatically wired that way. Maybe we were at one point, but something came loose in the big fall. Or, perhaps it's something in our very Episcopalian definition of sin, the "seeking of our own will instead of the will of God, thus distorting our relationship with God, with other people, and with all creation" (BCP, p. 848). This trusting-God stuff is hard work because it pierces our well-crafted armor of self-interest. Trusting God with our money takes practice.

But, the good news is that we have all begun this practice. We share and risk by that sharing all the time. We just don't realize it.

Think about encountering something so wonderful that keeping it to yourself simply doesn't work. We can't do it. The news of a first pregnancy simply must be shared well before the "safe time" of the beginning of the second trimester. News that good just can't stay resident inside us for long. Or think about the last time you found a truly wonderful new restaurant. Or played a fantastic

new golf course. The first thing we do with that information is to tell our best friends and neighbors. Yet with each new sharing, our own next reservation will be tougher to obtain and a good Saturday morning tee time harder to score. Just because we were loose-lipped enough to share the good news, proverbially and literally.

You see, we have been practicing this giving stuff for years. We just didn't know it. What we know deep down is that the joy of sharing always beats the consequences of giving the gift. That's why Jesus made money such an important

part of his ministry. It's not about duty; it's about joy!

No doubt, as we come together to do God's work in the world, the church needs your support. And lots of it, to be sure. But if that were the only reason to give, frankly, that's not a very compelling reason. Supporting an institution is important, but supporting the constant up-building of Christ's body is vital. What we have been doing in God's Name over the past 2,000 years is nothing short of watching the Holy Spirit continue to move over creation. Magnificently so, I believe. I'm pretty sure that in every generation, God wants us to take that next step and trust more.

I hope that elderly lady in New York City would be pleased with us in The Episcopal Church. We need to start talking about money and stewardship again, but this time, only as much as Jesus did!

The Rev. Kurt H. Dunkle is the rector of Grace Church, Orange Park. Fla.

Retirement May Not Suit Him

I didn't find Charles Crump at his home when I called him on a recent Monday morning. "He's at his office," I was told. Of course. Why wouldn't a 95-year-old legend of The Episcopal Church who's been an attorney for 71 years be at the office?

"Winding up is what I'm doing," Mr. Crump said when I reached him at his office, Apperson, Crump & Maxwell, a Memphis law firm founded by his grandfather in 1865. "I'm going through lots of files two or three days a week."

When he retired Oct. 9 from practicing law, it meant Mr. Crump would have to give up being the chancellor of the Diocese of West Tennessee, a position he has held for more than 25 years.

"The work hasn't changed much through the years," he said. "You might be surprised to learn that godly judgments by the bishops for divorced people take a lot of time. I looked at the legality of their divorce. On about one out of five divorces I had a question."

In The Episcopal Church, Charles Crump is perhaps best known as a deputy to General Convention. He has served as a deputy to the last 17 conventions, but that streak will soon end.

"I don't know whether I'll make it, but I'm going to try to go to Anaheim for a few days," he said, looking toward the 76th General Convention in July. "I'd like to visit with a lot of people."

Mr. Crump has an extraordinary memory about those General Conventions. He regards the 1967 gathering in Seattle and the 1976 meeting in Minneapolis as his favorites.

"The 1967 convention was the first reading of the legislation that said women could be deputies," he said. "And the 1976 convention approved women as priests."

He also speaks fondly of the 1970 convention in Houston, when he was vice president of the House of Deputies: "When we had the second reading [of the resolution] that women could be deputies, about 40 of them were seated. I presided at some sessions of that convention. Oddly enough, they gave me a framed portion of the journal of convention" that indicated he had presided. President of the deputies at that time was the Rev. John Coburn, later Bishop of Massachusetts. "We think he's tops," Mr. Crump said.

Despite his tireless service to General Convention, Mr. Crump may be remembered for the sport coat he wore frequently. It's a brown, patterned jacket that, uh, would not be in fashion

these days. He tells quite a story about it.

"At the 1970 convention, when I was not presiding I was sitting with my deputation," he recalled. "We were sitting way back in left field. Hawaii was right next to us. The men in that deputation were wearing coats like that – identical coats but each one a different color.

"Not many months after adjournment, the Garden Club of America met in Memphis. We were asked to host a dinner. A lady from Honolulu was one of the guests. She was sitting by



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Mr. Crump at General Convention in 1991.

me and I told her about the men's attractive coats. She said, 'Would you like one?' Her husband was manager of a clothing department in a store. I gave her \$35 and told her my size. A few days later the coat arrived."

He wore it to the 1973 convention, but did not take it to Minneapolis in 1976. "People said, 'Where's that coat?" Mr. Crump knew of someone who was driving to Minneapolis from Memphis and asked her to pick up the coat. It's been present at every convention ever since. And it still fits.

Charles Crump was a visitor to The Living Church's booth at General Convention every year. At the last one, he showed up in a motorized vehicle and lobbied for TLC to begin to refer to The Episcopal Church by its "official" name, capitalizing the "T." We did.

In retirement, he lives in a condo development on the east side of Memphis with his wife, Diana, and family and friends nearby. He's active at the Church of the Holy Communion, Memphis, a parish he helped found 50 years ago. He'll be a tough act to follow: five honorary degrees, member of the state legislature, fund raising for Episcopal Church-related colleges, and service on committees of the Diocese of Tennessee, and later West Tennessee. Yet he's still not sure about this retirement business.

"I'm kind of sorry I did," he said. No one who knows Charles Crump should be surprised.

David Kalvelage, executive editor

Did You Know...
Hymn 537 is the same

in both the 1982 and 1940 hymnals, although it is in different keys.

Quote of the Week
The Rt. Rev. G. Porter
Taylor, Bishop of Western
North Carolina, on being
a bishop: "I wish that
being the bishop were
just about being at the
back of the parade like
Santa Claus, and I could
just wave to folks
around the diocese
looking holy..."

Finding Jesus

On Jan. 6, the church observes the Feast of Epiphany. The 12 days of Christmas have come to an end, and we look in hope to a manifestation. the shining forth, of the divine glory of Jesus Christ. Epiphany, one of the oldest feasts in the Christian calendar, has over time become a day on which to commemorate the visit of the wise men to adore the Christ Child. We know little about the wise men — where they came from, how many there were, or their stature in life. We do know that they brought gifts, and that act marked the beginning of our tradition of giving gifts at Christmas.

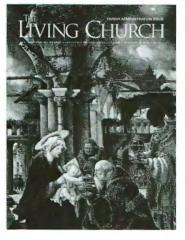
The story of the wise men is inspiring. Foreigners from an undetermined place were looking for Jesus. They paid homage to him, left gifts, and disappeared. Their pilgrimage is worth repeating. Wise people everywhere continue to look for Jesus. They may not have signs as bright as the star that led the wise men, but they would do well to follow the star until they are able to recognize the Son of God and to kneel before him. God has given us a great light to show us the way. Come, let us adore him.

Leadership of Parishes

We greet readers with this first issue of 2009 - a special Parish Administration Issue that is being sent to all clergy of The Episcopal Church who are not subscribers. As in the past, this special issue is intended to be a resource to those who are involved in the administration of churches, particularly rectors and vicars along with parish administrators.

Our parishes and mission congregations continue to be the centers of ministry in the church. Diocesan offices and national church headquarters are important, to be sure, but the most effective ministries the church can offer emanate at the local level. For most of its 130-year existence, this magazine has recognized the importance of parish churches, and as a result, this and many of our issues reflect that emphasis.

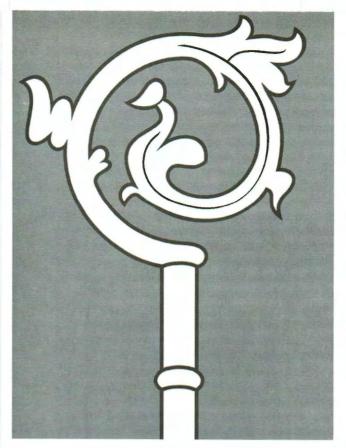
This special issue includes several articles that may be helpful to parish leaders. One looks at several congregations that have taken seriously our Lord's prayer that we all may be one. Another article profiles a growing parish in New Jersey. One focuses on stewardship, and another on what clergy should expect from their bishops. In addition, readers will find the regular features presented each week in this unique magazine. We hope this special issue will be enjoyed by all.



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Greetings to Dr. Wells

We extend congratulations and greetings to Christopher Wells, who has been named executive director of the Living Church Foundation [p. 18]. Dr. Wells, one of the church's brightest young scholars and theologians, will be leading THE LIVING CHURCH at an important time in its 130year existence, for turmoil in the church and discouraging economic conditions have made publishing a magazine that serves The Episcopal Church and the wider Anglican Communion increasingly difficult. We offer prayers and best wishes to Dr. Wells. May he enjoy a long and fulfilling time directing the Living Church Foundation.



READER'S VIEWPOINT

What Clergy Need from a Bishop

By Marek P. Zabriskie

Since being ordained almost 20 years ago, I have served under five diocesan bishops and have learned important lessons from each. One bishop is among the finest episcopal leaders. Two have died and one was heavily embattled. They have taught me lessons about what makes for a good bishop and what does not. The lessons are worth repeating.

Clergy need a bishop who is a holy person. The bishop need not be the smartest person in the room, but certainly the bishop should be one of the holiest persons at any gathering. Clergy need a bishop whom they can respect because their leader prays and reads the scriptures daily, goes on retreat, has a spiritual director, and is a humble, faithful, loving and joyful leader.

St. Patrick spent the five weeks of Lent on retreat in a remote area of Ireland in order to be alone with God. The time apart from his diocesan duties renewed him and gave him a message to preach upon his return. We need bishops who spend time alone with God.

Clergy need a leader who encourages them to lead healthy, holy lives grounded in prayer, a rule of life, the study of scripture and theology. We need a spiritual leader who wants us to exercise, spend time with our families, and set good boundaries.

Priests need a good pastor to whom they can turn for wisdom and counsel. Many clergy are afraid to confide in the bishop, because a bishop who is aware of their personal struggles could hinder their future deployment. This can be avoided if bishops build trust with their clergy, meet our families, and learn about the challenges and joys facing our households, parishes and communities. One bishop calls his clergy on their birthdays. Another signs letters to his clergy, "Remember, I am your friend." Small gestures create trust.

Most ministry begins with listening. "The first thing a bishop needs to do is to listen hard," notes Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams, who lost hearing in his left ear after developing meningitis as a child. He listens intently with his right ear, and visitors sense that he is a leader who listens well.

Listening goes a long way. A good listener can synthesize information and develop a realistic vision of what will work in the diocese or for a particular parish. People will trust and confide in a bishop who listens well.

We need bishops who draw bright, healthy leaders into the center of the diocese. The finest leaders are intentional about how they spend their time. The best bishops spend considerable time recruiting the finest lay and ordained leadership to help lead the diocese. Bishops who settle for less weaken a diocese.

We need bishops who focus first on opportunities and second on problems. One bishop told me that he devoted 85 percent of his time to problems. Such poor time management illustrates how dysfunctional the Church has become. The Episcopal Church is shrinking because too many top leaders devote their best energy to fixing problems rather than seizing opportunities for growth. A senior leader of any organization should devote no more than 20 percent of his time fixing problems in order that the rest of the time can be focused on opportunities for growth, including time for personal spiritual growth.

Our bishops need to be not only good managers but good theologians. Unfortunately, few bishops write books today. This should change.

Faithful and dedicated clergy need a bishop who urges their vestry to take care of their clergy and ensure that they are well compensated, supported, have a sabbatical leave, and get their days off. When clergy are well cared for, they in turn give their best to their parishes.

A bishop needs to look into the eyes and soul of each confirmand and make a spiritual connection. The focus during a bishop's visit should be on the congregation, not upon the bishop. Decades later I have heard adults

recount how a bishop looked them in the eye and pressed holy hands upon their heads and made them feel that confirmation was special.

Bishops should explain the significance of the diocese to the parish. Ministry begins in the parish, but there are many things that a parish cannot do by itself. Bishops are in a position to explain what a diocese does, how it works, and why its mission is vital. The bishop also ought to thank the congregation for its support and shouldn't be afraid to request greater financial support.

The bishop is the diocese's chief environmental officer. Leaders are responsible for nurturing the environment of an institution. If there is a culture of complaining, conflict or small thinking, you can trace it back to the bishop. The leader is charged with creating a culture that is positive, supportive, and focused on growth.

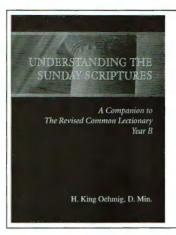
The bishop should seek excellence in preaching and encourage each priest to study and to dedicate significant time to preparing sermons. It is helpful for bishops to invite great preachers to lead preaching workshops in the diocese. If clergy succeed in only one area, it should be preaching. Great preaching awakens Christians, while poor preaching empties pews.

Our bishops need to work closely with large churches. Too often bishops focus on struggling churches and turn to large churches solely for financial support. Lay and ordained leaders of large churches can be a great resource to the diocese. Too often they are invited to give, but not to lead. This prevents The Episcopal Church from reaching its potential.

Finally, we need bishops who focus on growth and mission. The healthiest individuals and institutions focus outward, not inward. When parishes and dioceses focus on numerical growth and mission, they become healthy and alive. Others want to join.

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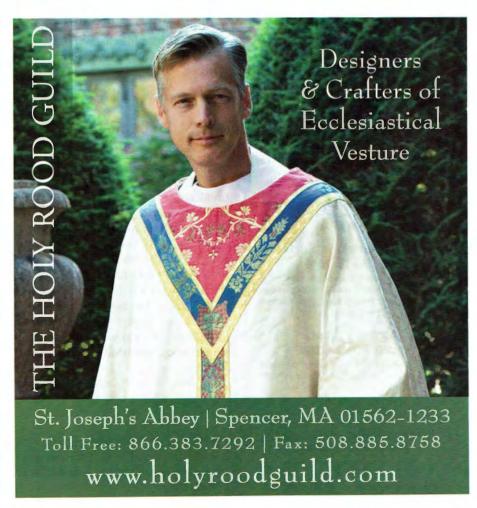
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ETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Iniversal Primacy

Impressed by the letter from Msgr. Hamilton [TLC, Dec. 14], I am taking the liberty to copy a portion of the latter paragraphs of his letter, with considerable editing for reasons of brevity. Then I add my comments on, and reactions to, his letter.

"The difference emerges in evaluating ... primacies and how they work in practice. The universal primacy of Rome ... means ... that one local church (Rome) with its bishop ... has a ... leadership ... role. The ... understanding of what this primacy involves ... comes ... with the living Spirit guided growth of the Church in history. As the Church grows geographically universal, can the Roman bishop ... exercise a universal authoritative role? Can he ... be an instrument of that infallibility in believing and teaching with which the whole Church is endowed?"

And now my comments and reactions: We are learning how the Anglican primacies, in the sense of provinces, work today. Some dioceses of the American province are not happy with certain aspects of that province and have elected to identify themselves with the Province of the Southern Cone. This seems to imply that the province is the final authority in the Anglican Church. And if this conviction hardens, chaos can result, especially in a church that professes to be a worldwide catholic church.

Therefore, it seems to me that what Msgr. Hamilton has written could well be on the ARCIC agenda soon, because what is involved there is papal infallibility that must be faced. And the late John Paul II. in Ut Unum Sint asked the Christian world to debate his charism of infallibility and what it might be saying to the 21st century. This study is imperative in ARCIC discussions, especially today.

> (The Rev.) Harry Brant Bordentown, N.J.

More Like Baptists

Considering the comment on the editorial page regarding Anglo-Catholics leaving, the Schofieldite breakaway "diocese" of San Joaquin is: pentecostal, Bible-fundamentalistic, evangelical and charismatic in the extremes. Just because some of the clergy wear the "robes" does not make them Anglo-Catholic.

Those who left San Joaquin really ought to be Baptist, the church in which I was raised. By the way, our parish is growing and remaining secure in our growing Diocese of San Joaquin.

(The Rev.) Marlin Leonard Bowman St. Clare's Church Avery, Calif.

The editorial mentioned by the correspondent referred to Quincy and Fort Worth, but San Joaquin was not mentioned. Ed.

Equal Partners

I write in endorsement and support of the article written by Fr. Hesse [TLC, Dec. 14].

I am a priest with more than 37 years experience, both in the Roman Catholic and Episcopal churches. My wife (also a priest) and I have been deeply involved in ecumenical ministry. I am on the Ecumenical Commission of the Diocese of Southern Virginia and am its delegate to the Virginia Council of Churches' Faith and Order Commission.

We are greatly saddened by this current fracturing of the Episcopal and other Anglican churches over theological and moral issues. It seems to me, in full agreement with Fr. Hesse, that in the treatment by The Episcopal Church's leadership of our brother and sisters in Christ (not to mention fellow Anglicans) as "enemies" and

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"Be subject to one another, out of reverence for Christ." [Ephesians 5:21]

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— The Rev. Dr. Christopher Seitz

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- The Rt. Rev. Don A. Wimberly, Bishop of Texas

"...We are spending a great deal of time defining what we are not, and we need to spend more time telling people who we are – firmly committed to the developing Covenant and Windsor principles and mindful of the proper parameters of the Episcopal Church, but not limiting our work – nor our relationships – to TEC alone."

- The Rev. Dr. Chuck Alley,

who serves on the advisory group of rectors and is rector of St. Matthew's, Richmond

"I believe that Communion Partners is, in this season, the way of solid Anglican witness to Christ's Gospel in the United States: faithful, peaceable, steadfast, and bound to the full mission of the Anglican Communion."

— Ephraim Radner, Professor of Historical Theology

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(1) building Communion relationships with several Primates, (2) supporting the Windsor Principles and the Anglican Covenant as a way to strengthen Communion life, and (3) the development of theological education and mission initiatives which will give identity and purpose to our Christian witness in the world.

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The Rt. Rev. Dr. Valentino Mokiwa,
 Archbishop, Analican Church of Tanzania

"... it seems to be widely agreed in this [Lambeth] Conference that internal pastoral and liturgical care, strengthened by arrangements like the suggested Communion Partners initiative in the USA ... are the way we should go if we want to avoid further ecclesial confusion...." [from his 'Lambeth Presidential Address' on 3 August, 2008]

-- Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury

"I am delighted to support the work of the Communion Partner plan, which exists to seek a solution to the breakdown in the Anglican Communion by dialogue, friendship and understanding."

George Leonard Carey, the Rt. Rev. and Rt. Hon. The Lord Carey of Clifton,
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objects of litigation, we greatly sadden our Savior, who prayed "that they may be one," and we further fracture the body of Christ.

It also seems to me that a church which prides itself on openness and inclusivity, and which enters into formal intercommunion with the ELCA, and takes steps to do so with the United Methodist Church, should also recognize as equal partners in Christ our fellow Anglicans, whose conscience has led them to depart from our province to form another.

As Fr. Hesse wrote, let's spend the money used in lawsuits against one another in furthering the kingdom of God, by works of mercy to the needy. If some are led to depart from our province, let us sadly bid them

adequate for our sophisticated, politically correct times.

Frankly, I always thought if you had something whacked off or something added on you simply moved to the other side of the aisle. Silly, old-fashioned me. I guess this means I'll have to add a third bathroom in the Parish Hall.

(The Rev.) Susan Bear Church of the Ascension Hattiesburg, Miss.

A Sad Witness

Whatever happened to "turn the other cheek" (Matt. 5:39b)?

We might expect The Episcopal Church to go to court, but how unseemly it is for Bible-fearing, dissident parishes and dioceses to "fight

Whatever happened to "turn the other cheek" (Matt. 5:39b)?

farewell with our blessing, and pray that God may be glorified by our loving treatment of them. And, as Jesus is honored and lifted up, may he draw all people to himself, and we all may be healed, as the body of Christ on earth.

(The Rev.) Bob Kerner Bracey, Va.

Either/Or/Or

I was chosen by the Church Pension Group to participate in a survey more or less about ordained women and second-career clergy that evidently was mandated by General Convention. It had the usual "extremely satisfied, somewhat satisfied ... dissatisfied ... opportunities to respond. There were some yes/no, etc. The survey took more than an hour.

Finally the survey asked for biographical data. Are you "married," "single," "remarried after a divorce," "widowed," "living with a partner not married," and several other options. Mind you, this is a survey that targets mostly ordained people. The clincher was "Gender." There were three choices — Male, Female, Other (type in something). Evidently "male and female God created them" is no longer

back." What a sad Christian witness to the world. (And what an inspiring contrast by those few individual bishops and leaders of departing parishes who do sit down and reason together.)

As usual, Jesus does not mince words: "If anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well" (Matt. 5:40).

(The Rev.) Carey C. Womble St. Michael and All Angels' Church Tucson, Ariz.

Dissertations Needed

Amidst all the fulminations and hotair oratory now rending our beloved Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion (and they must be one), I have yet to see scholarly dissertations on (1) the ancient scriptural proscriptions on homosexuality as having no application in this present age; and (2) the ancient scriptural proscriptions on homosexuality as still having application in this present age.

Perhaps then we could engage in some quiet reflection and prayer and reaffirm our unity in the mystical body of Christ. Perhaps...

Robert Coe White Plains, N.Y. (Continued from page 20)

Russian Orthodox Patriarch Alexy II Remembered

A traditional requiem liturgy was held Dec. 13 at Epiphany Cathedral in Moscow for Patriarch Alexy II. The head of the Russian Orthodox Church for the past 18 years died Dec. 5 of heart failure. He was 79.

The Rt. Rev. Richard Chartres, Bishop of London, represented the Anglican Communion at the funeral service for the patriarch, which was held Dec. 9 at Christ the Savior Cathedral in Moscow.

"He was a leader of stature, with abundant experience, determination and courage, who guided his church with a steady hand through a profoundly challenging period of change in Russia's history," said the Most Rev. Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury. "He will be remembered also as a friend to many outside his own church, not least to myself and others in the Church of England, and he and the whole Russian Orthodox Church

will be in our prayers at this time."

During his 18 years as head of the Russian Orthodox Church, the church grew from 67 dioceses and 6,900 parishes to 133 dioce-

ses and 28,000 parishes. He presided over formal reconciliation between the Russian Orthodox Church based in Moscow and the breakaway Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia.



Patriarch Alexy II



ERD Receives \$300,000 Gift from Diocese of Puerto Rico

The Diocese of Puerto Rico has made a three-year commitment to contribute a total of \$300,000 toward the Millennium Development Goals Inspiration Fund maintained by Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD). It is believed to be the largest gift ever received from a single diocese, according to an ERD news release.

"We are proud to support Episcopal Relief and Development in their work toward achieving the Millennium Development Goals," said the Rt. Rev. David Alvarez, Bishop of Puerto Rico. "We hope that our gift will inspire other dioceses and Episcopalians to partner with Episcopal Relief and Development in their work toward alleviating poverty and disease."

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City Rejects Expansion Plans for All Saints Church, Pasadena

The city planning commission, after a marathon public hearing, rejected plans for a \$45 million expansion of All Saints Church, Pasadena, Calif.

Voting after midnight on Dec. 11, eight of the nine commission members rejected the proposal and called for a full environment impact report. The expansion had been recommended for approval by city staff.

In an interview with the *Contra Costa Times*, the Rev. Ed Bacon, rector of All Saints, said the commission "changed the rules on us while we're

playing the game." He said the church had made every change previously requested by the planning commission last May.

All Saints is planning to construct a modern glass building next to the Gothic-style church erected in 1923 across the street from City Hall. Critics of the plan said the modern design was incompatible with detailed and long-standing statutes designed to preserve the historic architectural character of the area around City Hall.

Richard Bruckner, director of planning and development for the city, told the *Times*, "It's really a question of whether modern architectural design is responsive to the civic center." He said he felt the All Saints' project met that standard, calling the proposed architecture "world class."

Washington Bishop: Archbishop 'Contributes to Confusion'

The Rt. Rev. John B. Chane, Bishop of Washington, has lashed out at Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams for encouraging some in The Episcopal Church to establish a rival Anglican province in North America.

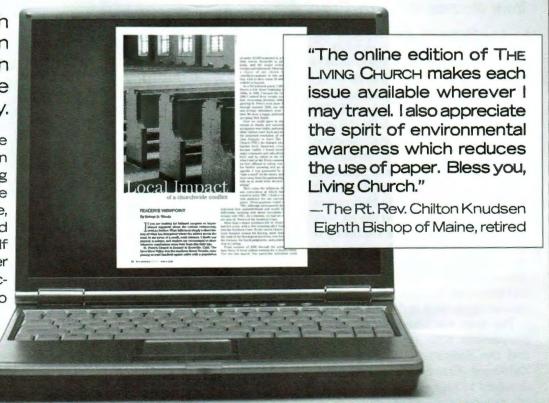
"It would be folly for the Archbishop to even consider recognizing a nongeographical province because it would unleash chaos in the Communion, with theological minorities in every jurisdiction seeking to affiliate with like-minded Anglicans in other provinces," Bishop Chane wrote on the diocese's website.

"The Archbishop has contributed to the confusion and anxiety the leaders of the proposed provinces have sought to foster by meeting on numerous occasions with [Bishop] Duncan and his allies. These meetings have bestowed an unwarranted sense of legitimacy on those who seek to deconstruct the Anglican Communion."

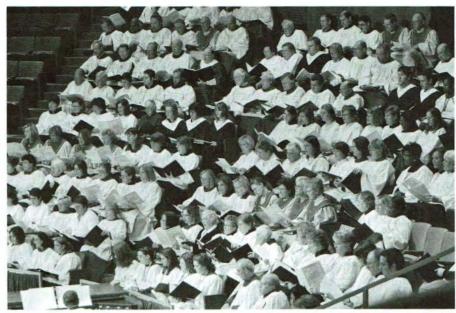
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Choirs from 18 churches join their voices at convention in the Diocese of West Missouri.

Fear Not, P.B. Says

Despite the looming threats of terrorism and an economic recession, Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori told some 1,800 members gathered for the convention of the Diocese of West Missouri that all one has to do in the presence of God is let go of fear. Convention met Oct. 26 in Independence.

The visit to the diocese was the first by Bishop Jefferts Schori since she was installed as Presiding Bishop and the first visit by a Presiding Bishop since the consecration of the Rt. Rev. Barry Howe as Bishop of West Missouri in 1998. Bishop Jefferts Schori commended Bishop Howe for his servant leadership.

"You need to tell the rest of the world about your connection to Haiti," Bishop Jefferts Schori said, referring to the diocese's companion relationship. "Those who seek to build a just society for the good of others - that's what we're meant to be."

During the business portion of the meeting, clergy and lay delegates approved resolutions urging a moratorium on executions in the state, endorsed a listening process with gay and lesbian persons using material developed by a task force appointed by Bishop Howe, and unanimously adopted a resolution establishing the first Sunday in Lent as Episcopal Relief and Development Sunday.

Convention approved a \$1.9-million budget for 2009, representing an increase of \$53,000 over last year.

Constitutional Changes

Delegates to the convention of the Diocese of New Hampshire debated eight resolutions during a one-day meeting Nov. 8 at St. Paul's Church, Concord.

Convention approved the second reading of constitutional changes:

· To clarify the diocese's accession to the constitution and canons of The Episcopal Church, define the scope and authority of the diocesan convention, and among other things describe who is eligible to be seated; and

· To consolidate provisions governing lay representation in a single section of the canons.

Convention also approved resolutions:

- · To establish new clergy compensation guidelines;
- To endorse a proposed 2009 budget of \$1.9 million (an increase of

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about 6 percent over last year);

- To appoint a committee to study alternate methods of calculating fair share giving and to present possible alternatives to the convocation next year;
- To divest from companies that profit from Israel's occupation of the Palestinian territories; and,
- To condemn in any nation the first use of armed force in the form of a preemptive or preventive strike that is aimed at disrupting a non-imminent, uncertain military threat.

A resolution which would have granted all congregations the same number of lay delegate representatives regardless of the number of baptized members was defeated.

In his address to convention, the Rt. Rev. V. Gene Robinson, Bishop of New Hampshire, noted the creative ministries being undertaken by the diocese, including the construction of a 'green' building for outreach, a breakfast program for students on their way to school, and liturgy renewal.

Spirit of Welcoming

The Diocese of **Western Massachusetts** bid farewell to Bruce Rockwell, its long-time treasurer, and strength-



Pastoral Staff photo

Bruce Rockwell listens to a song in his honor upon his retirement as treasurer of the Diocese of Western Massachusetts.

ened its ties with the Rt. Rev. Daniel Sarfo, Bishop of Kumasi (Ghana) in the Anglican Church of West Africa, at its convention Oct. 17-18 at a hotel convention center in Springfield.

"We gather for convention this year amidst an explosion of change and challenge, said the Rt. Rev. Gordon Scruton, Bishop of Western Massachusetts, in his address. "The economic underpinnings of our nation and of the global marketplace have been shaken this past month. We do not know what implications this will be for our immediate or long-term future.

"No matter how confused and anxious we are about our economic future or about how we will handle the present challenges, the fact is, we are here now. God has put us here, at this time and place to love God and our neighbors, both those neighbors who live in poverty around the world and those who live in our neighborhoods."

Celebrations of unity and friendship with Bishop Sarfo were strengthened during Evening Prayer on Friday. Bishop Sarfo presented Bishop Scruton with several hand-made gifts by members of his diocese. In his address the following morning, Bishop Scruton spoke of having met Bishop Sarfo at a conference in Spain in 2007.

"We do not know exactly how the friendship between our dioceses will continue to unfold, but we look for-

> ward to an ongoing relationship," Bishop Scruton said.

Convention also welcomed the newest mission congregation into union with diocesan convention. With a call for cheering, delegates soundly accepted Southwick Community Episcopal Church as a mission of the diocese. Those voting in the affirmative were encouraged not to register their approval with a "yes," but by singing the Doxology.

A budget of about \$2.5 million was approved for 2009. The amount represents an increase of approximately \$23,000 over 2008.

Everyone Gets Involved

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able." That may mean recruiting people for a quarter-year commitment, or inviting someone to participate in a one-time opportunity, such as helping to chaperone a particular event.

As a result of this approach, Trinity's ministries are hitting on all cylinders, Fr. Stout said. Its 20-year-old soup kitchen feeds 180 people every Saturday, and its 12-year-old food pantry distributes 450 bags of groceries a week—up from 320 last year at the same time. Bible studies and 12-step ministries are offered. Casserole and shawl ministries have been successful, along with a Ladies Night. Trinity has its own charter school, and its chorister program for inner-city youth even offers free piano lessons to those who sign up.

"The church is now packed every week," Ms. Cooper said. "I don't know most of the people in the church and I am thrilled by that! Instead of the same people doing everything, work and responsibilities are spread around. People don't get burned out the way they did. The physical plant is being maintained and closely monitored. The budget is near to being balanced for the first time in decades. There are children everywhere! And we just keep growing."

Fr. Stout said that about a year ago, when attendance at the 10 a.m. Sunday service approached 190, there was a sudden rise in anxiety. Not everyone found the changes as exciting as Ms. Cooper did. Some complained about a loss of intimacy.

"We quickly put small-group ministries in place," he said. "Now we have three small groups of 12-25 people that meet for six weeks and do Serendipity Bible studies. It's an opportunity for study, fellowship, and to build relationships.

"There is a solid core which held on in those lean years," Fr. Stout said. "When we started to grow, that core welcomed others in. All families — especially all parish families — go through life cycles. This is just an exciting time in this parish's life."

Willy Thorn is a freelance writer in Milwaukee, Wis.

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School of Theology
University of the South
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ter at Baylor University and assistant at St. Paul's, 515 Columbus Ave., Waco, TX 76701.

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The Rev. Michael Macey, as priest-incharge of St. John's, Carthage, TX.

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Matthew's, Eugene, OR.

Resignations

The Rev. Alex Montes, as assistant at St. Paul's, Waco, TX.

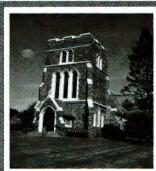
Deaths

The Rev. Bruce P. Moncrieff, 81, rector of Calvary Church, Golden, CO, for 21

years, died Nov. 13 in Mesa, AZ, following a long illness.

Born and raised in Detroit, he was a graduate of Yale University, Virginia Theological Seminary, and Andover Newton Theological School. He served two terms of military service, first in the Army, and later in the National Guard. In 1956, he was ordained deacon and the following year priest. Fr.

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FULL-TIME RECTOR St. Luke's Episcopal Church, East Hampton, NY

St. Luke's Episcopal Church is in the process of seeking a full-time rector to serve a vibrant and diversified 450 member parish, located in East Hampton, New York, on the eastern end of Long Island, within the Diocese of Long Island. St Luke's is in full accord with the policies and practices of the National Episcopal Church. This ex-

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For copies of parish profile and position description, please e-mail **Deb Gillikin**, **Transition Committee**, **stlukessearch@optonline.net**.

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St. Luke's Episcopal Church
Attn: Transition Committee
18 James Lane, East Hampton, NY 11937

For more information about St. Luke's and photographs, please visit us at **www.stlukeseasthampton.org**.

PEOPLE & PLACES

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Moncrieff served 19 congregations in his 51 years of ordained ministry, many of them on an interim basis. He was rector in Golden, 1959-79, and of St. James', Midvale, UT, 1984-86. He was most recently associated with All Saints', Parachute, CO. Fr. Moncrieff is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; a son, Kenneth; a daughter, Kathleen; and a sister, Norah Williams.

The Rev. Robert F. Weld, 81, priest of

the Diocese of South Dakota, died Oct. 23 at the Winner Regional Long Term Care Facility, Winner, SD.

Fr. Weld was born in Salem, SD. Following service in the Navy, he graduated from General Beadle State Teachers College and the University of South Dakota. He was a teacher for many years before retiring in 1987. He was ordained to the diaconate in 1989 and to the priesthood in 1993. In recent years Fr. Weld had served Trinity Church, Winner, and Holy Spirit, Ideal. He is survived by his wife, Betty; a daughter, Cheryl Wilson, of Springville, IA; a son, Martin, of Sioux Falls, SD; a granddaughter; three sisters, Ruth Osterberg, of Sioux Falls, Caroline Passe, of Wabasha MN, and Lois Matthaei, of Gering, NE; and a brother, Wayne, of Wenatchee, WA.

The Rev. Harvard L. Wilbur, Jr., who was a rector of churches in three dioceses, died Nov. 4 in Denver. He was 84.

A native of Taunton, MA, he was a graduate of Harvard University and Virginia Theological Seminary. He was ordained deacon and priest in 1951, and then served the following churches: vicar of St. Mark's, Hanna, WY, 1951-53; rector of St. Christopher's, Cheyenne, WY, 1953-57; assistant at St. Michael and All Angels', Denver, 1957-60; rector of Trinity, Lawrence, KS, 1962-72; rector of Our Savior. Colorado Springs. 1972-86; rector of St. James', Wichita, 1986-90. Fr. Wilbur retired in 1990 and was involved in interim ministry for a number of years. He was active in the dioceses of Colorado and Kansas, where he served on a number of committees. He is survived by his wife, Susan, and three children.

Sister Anastasia Toole, C.S.M., the last of the senior sisters at the Convent of St. Mary in Greenwich, NY, died Dec. 7. She was 95.

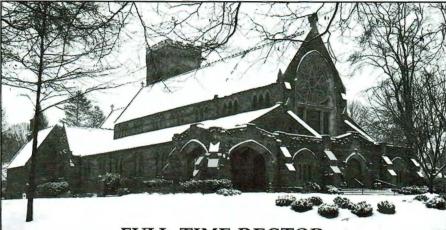
Sr. Anastasia entered the community at the age of 24, and she was professed in 1941. She was a graduate of the University of Maryland and Columbia University. Throughout her life she felt a calling to intercessory prayer. Within the institutions of the community she taught high-school biology and general science. She was dietician at St. Mary's School and at the convent, and spent 12 years at St. Mary's in the Field, Valhalla, NY, a home for court-remanded girls. She was assistant superior for a time at the mother house in Peekskill, NY, and also served as guest mistress, associates director, librarian, and novice mistress.

Other deaths of clergy as reported by the Church Pension Fund:

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Betsy B. Bennett	90	Carmel, CA
Lawrence D. Clark, Jr.	81	Portland, ME
Thomas L. Dixon	73	Ashburn, VA
Charles E. Farr	74	Aurora, CO
Alfred G. Lomeng	83	Kalinga, R.P.
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