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The Allness of It

By TRAVIS DU PRIEST

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amount of fancy footwork does the I've tried all the theological argus, or at least most of them: Christwould have no meaning were it not laster. Yes, Christmas is popular, ot *the* holiest day, not the highest, ueen of feasts. My son, however, ins unimpressed.

ace in the hole is that the whole celebrates Christmas. After all, an see that *everybody* celebrates tmas: the streets are decorated, the windows become beautiful, and are sounds of music and bells on corners. What can I say? There's a riness to it all, but he does have a

son, as do most children, loves tmas in all of its ... well, in its is. And that allness includes what dults call commercialism. Christnas become too commercial, adults

; isn't commercialism like many of dult *isms* we dislike? Isn't there a ality that does disservice to much felt and genuine elation that comes shopping, even in haste, listening

week's guest columnist is the Rev. 3 Du Priest, TLC editorial assisprofessor at Carthage College, 3ha, and assistant at St. Luke's 2h, Racine, Wis. to the carols even poorly piped, watching the toy squirrels build rocking-horses, even when poorly animated? Can the children among us be all that wrong? Can the child inside each of us perhaps be too cynical and too critical?

Children love the street decorations, shopping for and looking at toys, visiting Santa, the elves, the Christ Child in the stable, the animals, the star, the angels, the Wise Men. Children love it all. And so do I. Easter may indeed be the queen of feasts, but not for children. And not for the child in me.

Finally, I've come to see, that for me at least — no matter the theological arguments — that Easter, as the highest feast day, is an acquired taste. That is not to say that it isn't the highest feast day; rather, that Christmas *feels* more like it.

That Easter is not owned quite so much by the world, as is Christmas, is of course, a good thing. As a friend of mine says, most of us would decorate our houses, put up trees, and exchange gifts even if there were no *Christian* celebration called Christmas. He's right, we would. But that is precisely part of the joy of Christmas.

It's the allness of Christmas that is exciting: the time of year, the changing appearance of the external world, the brightness of it all, even the knowledge that the Christian celebration rests atop a pagan one. Of course, much of the glitter has little to do with Christmas, at least ostensibly. But, in the long run, I'm not so sure. As Virginia Woolf said after first hearing T. S. Eliot read The Waste Land, "I'm not so sure what it means, but I like the way it sounds." Much comes to us through our senses in ways that we cannot rationally understand, at least at first sight or sound. And despite the seeming distance between Christ's crib and the pre-Christmas sales at the mall, there is a claim on the world and all that is in it. And that claim is God's.

Sometimes preachers are fond of admonishing us to "put Christ back into Christmas." But has Christ ever left?

Christ doesn't really need to be put back into Christmas, or into anything else. As if he could be anyway, least of all by us. More to the point might be the slightly snide sign someone once made in response to a Baptist Student Union sign which urged us to put Christ back into Christmas. The Episcopal sign read: "Let's put the Mass back in Christmas."

It really is not up to us to put Christ into a world he made and loves and was willing to give up his life for (yes, Easter themes do have a way of finding themselves in Christmas stories). To think that we could do so is the height of pride and folly. Christ does not need to be put back into anything.

But his presence can be, at all times and in all places, celebrated joyfully by us. And isn't this really the idea behind the Incarnation, to bring God's presence *into the world?* As the perceptive Bishop Stephen Bayne once put it, Christ knows more about this world — with all its gimmicks, electric gadgets, tinsel, and misdirected energy — than any of us ever will. Christ is, as it were, always ahead of us.

Maybe one of Christ's Christmas presents to me is to stop arguing with my son, to accept the wisdom of the child teaching the father, and to admit to myself that I too love the totality of Christmas — even the man-made wonders, the machine-made decorations, the overdone lawns and stores, and the hustle and bustle of the busy streets, which I don't, in my heart of hearts, so much want to get rid of as I do, in my own way, want to enjoy along with Christ.



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LETTERS

Retired Priests

From several accounts I have read recently, some of the retired clergy have a continuing active ministry in marginal congregations, those that cannot afford a full-time priest. This is touted as a good thing. But is it?

The retired priest, perhaps lacking a place of his own to live in, moves into the rectory or vicarage and does as rectors and vicars do: he directs and manages the life of the congregation. He not only leads the Sunday worship and preaches, he is also present at vestry meetings and takes part in them, and attends women's guild and other meetings.

The opportunities for lay leadership and management are precluded. The people are content to let the old pro do it.

One wonders, too, how many priests still in their active years are unemployed because the availability of retired priests prevents the development of a longrange strategy to renew and promote the growth of small congregations. Also, are there situations where the disabilities of old age are a problem because the priest not ask him to vacate the rectory or vicarage.

There is no denying that retired priests have valuable experience to bring to small congregations. They can share that as consultants. The guidelines of the Church Pension Fund that I received when I retired allow the priest to celebrate the Holy Communion as frequently as needed, *providing he performs no other ministration*. This recognizes the need of the retiree to function as a priest, but excludes his directing and managing.

The Church Pension Fund has made commendable changes to adjust pensions upward; Social Security payments are indexed to the cost of living. Let the retired clergy be content to be inactive! (The Rev.) VINCENT H. STROHSAHL (ret.) Belfast, N.Y.

Doing the Liturgy in Bali

In September of this year, my wife and I made a trip through Southeast Asia, Australia, and New Zealand. In preparation for our travels, we noted that we could do the liturgy on Sundays, and possibly on weekdays, at various Anglican congregations in Hong Kong, Bang-

Darwinians

What to say of this singular omnivorous biped that brashly claims superiority over all other life forms, and an especially exalted place — creation's apex? This easily frightened, easily angered primate, fashioning weapons to slay his own kind, and framing gods to do his bidding, lest the night winds chill him?

Undoubtedly, a unique specimen, painfully shaped through long epochs yet flawed with an egotism quite laughable, that holds his worth higher than all else living. It would be well that he learn modesty soon, that his bravado might not sear his land; for all his upward struggle has seen his darker mood and selfishness.

Yes, there is yet a way to climb nearer to the godly perfection sought in those lucid and nobler fantasies dreamt while angels minister and sages tender hope; an ascent that shall exact more daring than any skyward venture passed for he shall shed his mistiness and see himself in naked light.

William Davenhauer

and New Zealand.

We had only one problem, our stopover in Bali, where we would be on a Sunday. We had also decided to take the excellent new office book edited by Howard Galley, *Morning and Evening Prayer*, to do daily, leaving at home the heavier Prayer Book and its requisite companion, the Bible.

When we arrived in Bali (at the Bali Hyatt, would you believe?), we noted on the hotel bulletin board that a Roman Catholic Mass was scheduled at 6:00 Saturday night, and a Protestant service at 5:00 Sunday night. Being Anglicans, we thought we would just go to both.

The Roman Catholic liturgy was attended by about 40 guests from the hotel, mostly Australians. The priest was one of the two remaining missionaries from the U.S., in what we gathered is now largely an indigenously ministered diocese of some 15,000 persons.

The following night we showed up for the Protestant service about 15 minutes ahead of time. I had been wondering what we might find. I did not suppose that it would be Dutch Reformed. I did think it possible that it might be Anglican; we are apt to turn up in strange places.

The room where the services were held was used during the rest of the week by a purveyor of batik landscapes. When we arrived on Sunday night, he was still at work trying to sell these. Of the Protestant service there was nary a sign. My wife and I were standing uncertainly around, saying "No" to the purveyor of batik landscapes, when another couple appeared, evidently English.

They asked us if this was where the Protestant service was to be, and we agreed that it was. It was by now close to 5:00 p.m. The man said that he would just go and see the hotel clerk at the information desk. His wife chatted with us.

In a few moments the clerk from the information desk appeared and told the purveyor of batik landscapes to close up shop. The clerk set up the table carefully, just as it had been for the service the previous night, and put the same candlesticks and bookstand upon it, covering it with a white cloth. He arranged several rows of chairs and departed.

The Englishman returned, and we four stood waiting the arrival of the Protestant who was to come. After several more minutes of conversation, I finally remarked that I was sorry that I did not have a Prayer Book with me, because I was a priest and would be glad to celebrate. Whereupon the Englishman said, "Why, so am I, but I don't have one either."

It turned out that he is the Rev. Kenneth R. Crooks, a non-stipendiary priest from the parish in Woking, Surrey. In the way of the mysterious East, no one

which the room had been so carefully arranged.

As for us, there seemed to be nothing to do but to go to the bar and have a good laugh and a drink over the absurdity of the situation.

(The Rev.) PETER C. MOORE St. Paul's Church

Seattle, Wash.

CDO Praised

At the recent Indianapolis meeting of the Provincial Deployment Conference for Province V — a work session of deployment officers who gather twice a year — we took note of the ongoing discussion of deployment issues that has been in the church press recently.

I was asked to write on behalf of the conference, to express the perspective of some of us who work regularly with the needs and aspirations of both clergy and congregations.

One of the essential tools in that work is the Church Deployment Office. We are keenly aware that the existence of a nationwide file of clergy resumes can in no way solve all the problems in deployment. The CDO computer cannot substitute for diligent labor by bishops, clergy, and laity, faithful prayer, and the work of the Holy Spirit.

But ten years of growing use of the Church Deployment Office has brought ment in the stewardship of one of church's most important resources ordained leadership.

In large measure because of the pact of the Church Deployment Offi new approach has been evolving. longer are clergy and congregations seen as virtually interchangeable p able readily to be "mixed and matcl

The evolving CDO system in whic are privileged to minister operate the basis that each congregation unique needs and opportunities, therefore requires the leadership priest who also bears unique gift ministry and life experience.

We believe this approach to be the ically sound, deeply rooted in biblica derstandings of community and sonhood. In our experience, the Ct Deployment Office has been or God's instruments leading us to sound approach, and enabling us to ceive and live out its implications.

So we write as "satisfied custon of the CDO, grateful to God for its tributions to our common life ir church. We hope your readers join appreciation and support for this ir tant ministry in our midst.

(The Rev.) RICHARD L. ULI Executive Dir Miami Valley Episcopal Co Dayton, Ohio

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November 15, the Church of En-'s General Synod took the first a the direction of ordaining women priesthood. A 307-183 vote was I supporting the formal motion for legislation to be prepared "to t the ordination of women to the hood in the provinces of Canterand York."

the previous day, a petition signed ore than 900 priests urging the delegates to support women's oron was presented to the church's tive body, and the change in the vote since a similar proposal five years ago was considered sigit.

vote broke down as follows (1979 s in parentheses): bishops, 41 (32) 17) against; clergy, 131 (94) for, 98 ugainst; laity, 135 (120) for, 79 (106) st.

gallery at Church House was d, according to reports, and when te was announced silence was folby a loud burst of applause, acg to *Time* magazine. The applause theed by those filling the gallery.

Archbishop of Canterbury aned his opposition to the measure ; the four hour debate. Dr. Runcie hat while he was convinced that ients in favor of women priests pped the balance in favor, he urged 'nod to adopt what he called "a ne of gradualism." The archbishop he hesitated to support action on atter until the church had moved to consensus.

Rt. Rev. Stanley Booth-Clibborn, p of Manchester and one of the g episcopal supporters of women's tion, said it was essential for the to face the challenge of change. ness Diana McClatchey, one of the oderators of the Movement to Or-Vomen, told the synod that women

be driven into underground res meeting in homes or entirely the church, if the ecclesiastical ishment "retains the atmosphere exclusive men's club on ladies"

legislation must now pass a maof the Church of England's diobefore it can be tested again in al Synod. If it does so, it must sach of the three houses by twomajorities. Even if all goes hly for the measure, it is unlikely that an ordination will take place before 1990 or later.

Six churches in the Anglican Communion now ordain women to the priesthood: Canada, Hong Kong, Kenya, New Zealand, Uganda, and the U.S. The matter is under consideration in Australia and Wales.

New Plan Developed

The provincial youth ministry coordinators and Bobbie Bevill, youth ministries coordinator at the Episcopal Church Center in New York, have developed a new plan for youth participation at the 1985 General Convention in Anaheim, Calif.

Through the provincial coordinators, two people of high school age will be elected or selected from each of the nine provinces to serve as official representatives. They will attend General Convention under the supervision of their provincial coordinators. The adults and young people will be sponsored by the Education for Mission and Ministry Unit at the Episcopal Church Center, which will pay the cost of their attendance and arrange for their housing.

Prior to convention, the youth representatives and coordinators will meet with the Rev. Canon James Gundrum, executive officer of the General Convention, for orientation.

The Executive Council booth in the exhibit hall will incorporate a youth area, which will be staffed by some of the young attendees. There young people may ask questions about youth ministry, exhibit their resources and meet bishops, deputies, and other delegates.

If groups of young people are planning to attend General Convention, Ms. Bevill and the provincial youth coordinators strongly encourage dioceses to include them in the plans, especially regarding housing and participation in diocesan meetings. The Diocese of Los Angeles will offer information about Anaheim and their plans for activities for young people attending General Convention.

Food Day Noted

Responding to a call from Presiding Bishop John M. Allin, Episcopal parishes and dioceses across the nation marked World Food Day, sponsored by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization on October 16. According to Dr. David Crean, staff officer for hunger at the Episcopal Church Center, his office prepared and mailed 1,200 packets of information and materials concerning World Food Day. "This underestimates the actual number used," Dr. Crean said. "Many parishes photo copied the materials for parish use. The Dioceses of Central New York, West Texas, and Oregon, for example, had parish-wide mailings. In all, I estimate we reached some 2,500-3,000 parishes."

The Diocese of Central Pennsylvania held a press conference in Harrisburg, the state capital, at which a statement was generated calling on people to examine candidates' commitments to alleviate hunger. "Hunger is a moral issue, not just for some, not just for the hungry, but for all Americans, individually and as a nation," the statement said in part.

The Diocese of Washington marked the day with an interfaith service in the national cathedral and sponsored a hunger workshop led by the Rev. Canon Lloyd Casson. October 14 was the day of the convention in the Diocese of Wyoming, and on that Sunday, appropriate services in the diocese's parishes were conducted by layreaders.

First Block Winners Announced

The winners of the first Lillian R. Block awards, named for the long time editor of Religious News Service, were announced in Dallas in November at the annual meeting of the news service's parent company, the United Methodist Reporter. Given for excellence in religion news writing, the theme of this year's contest was the impact of religion on the individual and society.

Sr. Camille D. Arienzo, RSM, associate editor of the *Tablet*, weekly newspaper of the Brooklyn Diocese, won in the category of denominational religious press. Her article was a firsthand report of the experiences of 150 women who went to Honduras to pray for peace at three U.S. military installations.

Richard N. Ostling, winning in the category of the public press, wrote about the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther in a cover story in *Time* magazine. Randy Frame, staff member of *Christianity Today*, was the first place winner in the category of the nondenominational religious press. His article analyzed the controversial Maranatha Campus Ministries.

BRIFFR...

The South African government recently refused to grant visas to seven women from the Anglican Church of Canada, forcing cancellation of a project of the national women's unit planned for nearly two years, according to the Canadian Churchman. Although no written reason was given for the refusal, the South African government was said to have accused the seven women of misrepresenting themselves as tourists instead of making their church connections known. "We didn't misrepresent our visit," said national church consultant Jeanne Rowles. "We just said we were Anglican Church women visiting Anglican Church women."

In late October, Trinity Church in Manhattan was host to the first national gathering of representatives of fundraising agencies and institutions affiliated with the Episcopal Church. Sponsored by the standing commission on stewardship and development, the meeting was opened by the Rt. Rev. Gerald M. McAllister, Bishop of Oklahoma and commission chair. "These agencies should not be seen as competing," said Presiding Bishop John M. Allin. "Within the church there are resources for programs of every sort."

Dr. Walter A. Elwell, an Episcopal layman, has been named coordinator of graduate programs at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill. Dr. Elwell also is professor of Bible and theology at Wheaton College Graduate School. A graduate of Wheaton College, he did advanced work at the University of Chicago and completed his Ph.D. degree at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland. Dr. Elwell formerly was the book editor of *Christianity Tbday*, and he serves on the boards of several evangelical publishers.

Amnesty International has called on the People's Republic of China to release from its prisons Tibetan Buddhists and Roman Catholic clerics who have remained loyal to Rome. The world's largest human rights organization reported on the situations of two Roman Catholic bishops and ten priests in a recent report. The clergy have been imprisoned for refusing to sever links with the Vatican and join the Chinese Patriotic Catholic Association, set up by the Communist government in 1949. Larry Cox, deputy director of Amnesty Internarights situation in China "seems as serious as ever," despite government efforts to curb the reign of terror that existed during the so-called "cultural revolution" in the 1960s. Ignatius Gong Pinmei, the 84 year-old Roman Catholic Bishop of Shanghai, has spent nearly 30 years in prison and Msgr. Peter Joseph Fan Xueyan, 76 year-old Bishop of Baoding, was arrested in 1983 for the second time and sentenced to 10 years in prison.

The Rt. Rev. Luis Cesar Rodriques Pereira, a retired bishop of the Lusitanian Church. died in Lisbon, Portugal, on November 7 at the age of 76. Born into a family of physicians and pharmacists, Dom Luis was a medical doctor for much of his adult life. He was chosen bishop in 1962, and in 1972, was seated at the Lambeth Conference after the worldwide assembly of Anglican bishops approved canonical union between the Episcopal Churches in Portugal and Spain and the See of Canterbury. He is survived by his wife, three sons, and a daughter.

Although membership in the Ku Klux Klan and the neo-Nazi movement has dropped sharply in recent years, the two groups continue to pose threats of violence, according to a new report from the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. The decline in Klan strength is particularly notable in the South, and is estimated to have fallen by approximately one-third in the past two years to about 6,000-6,500. The neo-Nazi movement has experienced an even greater decline, losing about half of its membership since 1978. Current estimates suggest a total of about 500 members nationwide. Both groups are dangerous, however, the report stressed, charging that the Klan is contemplating a campaign of terror and assassination and that neo-Nazis continue to distribute anti-Semitic literature.

K. Wade Bennett, an active Episcopal layman and a member of the joint nominating committee for the election of the next Presiding Bishop, died November 8 at the Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas. He was 69. A native of Dallas, Mr. Bennett was president of Bennett Stores, Inc., and a parishioner of the Church of the Incarnation. He held both national and diocesan offices in the Episcopal Church, serving as a member of the standing committee of the Diocese of Dallas and chairman of the search committee that nominated a new bishop in 1983. Mr. Bennett served the national church as a leader in Venture in commission on structure, and as truof several Episcopal churches in Euamong other positions. He is survby his wife of 43 years, four child eight grandchildren, and two sister-

More than \$11,000 was allocated the Church Periodical Club's Nati Books Fund Committee at its fall n ing, according to committee chair bara Braun of the Diocese of Eau Cl The club answers requests for literat both sacred and secular, from clergy church-related organizations in n parts of the world. Largest of the r than 20 grants were two for \$1,500 ϵ One of these will help to provide m zine subscriptions to clerics and sionaries, and the other went to the Lawrence J. Rowe in the Diocese of Claire, for Praver Books and lecti ries. The money for grants comes : contributions made to the Church odical Club from parishes and dioce

Another black Anglican priest, Rev. Tebogo Geoffrey Moselane, been arrested in South Africa and i ing held in solitary confinement u that country's Internal Security Act Moselane is priest of St. Cypri Church in Sharpeville, the site of a sacre in 1960 and one of the towns currently involved in resistance aga the Pretoria regime. A leader of Sharpeville community, Fr. Mose came to St. Cyprian's Church three y ago. One of these issues sparking present turmoil was the raising of of families forced to live in the towns by government imposed councils Moselane offered his church as a 1 ing place for the local anti-rent hike nization and served as its chair.

The parishioners of St. Mar Church, Moses Lake, Wash., have e lished a scholarship for the baby da ter of the dean of Martyrs' Semi Namugongo, Uganda, who was dered by government troops in [TLC, July 15]. The Rev. Hugh C. can, rector of St. Martin's, wrote t dean's widow, asking permission to the "Grace Bazira Scholarship F for the child, born three months afte father's death. Mrs. Bazira replied the offer was "a miracle and a cor tion in my tears." The couple had married only six months when the I dan soldiers occupied the Anglican logical college, ostensibly in pursu anti-government guerrillas.

Are You the One?

By HARLAND B. BIRDWELL

anche had waited all of her 29 years or a prince charming to appear in fe and lift her out of a family that nought was devoid of true love. She autious about whom she dated and d up a number of interested suit*ler* husband was going to be someery special.

in quite suddenly, just before she d 30, along came Mr. Wright. He ill she had dreamed he would be: landsome, charming, wealthy.

vas, or so it seemed, a match made aven. Blanche was caught up in ecstatic situation which only "belove" can bring. There was a whirlcourtship, followed by a lovely and formal wedding. They went on an ded honeymoon to Europe before ung home and settling in.

v, after a few years of marriage, s are going wrong for the Wrights: oneymoon is over, there are three g children, they both drink too , he spends too much time at the or at the golf club. And they quarot. They quarrel about money and -laws; they quarrel about his time from home and the discipline of the en. And they wonder, "Are you the Did I make a mistake? Should I or another?"

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ng Billy was the apple of his pareyes. They'd waited several years having children and then wonfor some time if they would have a of their own. It was then, in their Os, that they were given the gift of d, a son. They dreamed dreams of ture and shaped his future as much y could. They sacrificed for his edon, the best education that could be

ev. Harland B. Birdwell is the rec-St. Andrew's Church, Roswell, had. He was a model child, never quarrelsome, never disrespectful to his parents. He even deferred to their wishes as to which girls he dated.

Then one day young Billy went away to the university (one his parents had carefully chosen). There, for the first time, Billy discovered freedom, and for a while he was frightened by that freedom. Soon, however, he discovered a world he never knew existed: he smoked a little "pot," he drank a lot of beer and dated the wrong girls and ran with the wrong crowd. Then he dropped out of the university.

Now he works part-time at Mc-Donalds! And his parents ponder the question in their hearts, "Are you the one, the one we waited for all those years, the one we sacrificed for, dreamed dreams about? Are you the one? Were we wrong?"

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The people of St. Murdoch's in-the-Mesquite had struggled long and hard to build up their church. They spent several years with supply clergy or whomever the bishop could send them on weekends. They dreamed of the day and worked mightily for that day when they would call their first priest. They also dreamed of what he would be like, what he would do, how he would solve all their problems.

He would be a good scholar and superb preacher and fill the church to overflowing. He would be the ideal pastor and spend most of his time in visitations. He would be a strong youth leader, and he would keep their children from frequenting the Baptist youth activities.

He would, they dreamed, be a strong civic-minded worker and represent their church to the entire community. He would be even-tempered, never get upset, never worry about anything. He would never have relationship problems with anyone. They dreamed those first rector.

He was young and reasonably wellmannered and not someone you'd be ashamed to acknowledge as your pastor. But after a few months they discovered to their amazement that he had a mind of his own. His agenda didn't match their agenda; he didn't think important the things they thought important. They found that he didn't solve all their problems for, alas, he was just another human being. So now many of them wonder, "Are you the one? Do we look for another?"

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John (in the Olden Days) was thought to be an odd child. He was distant toward most people and was considered an unfriendly boy by many of his friends and family. He led an austere life, and as he grew to manhood, he became rigid, uncompromising, remote. He believed he knew God, as few men ever know God. He believed God had called him to pronounce judgment on a cruel, indifferent, and sinful world.

He withdrew to a rural area near the Jordan river. He wore strange clothing and ate a diet which consisted of bugs and whatever nature provided. He cut himself off from family and friends. He dreamed dreams of the Messiah, the long-expected and promised Messiah. He became so certain about it all; he knew in his heart and mind what the Messiah would do, what he would be.

In time, people heard of him and many came out to him. Some of them were genuine in their interests — they were fearful, scared people who believed John and his harsh preachments. Others came to see the curiosity they'd heard about; they laughed at him and his oldfashioned ideas and his strange interpretation of baptism. But many of the scoffers even went into the water with John, half believing him.

In time, John saw his mission as one which would prepare for the coming of God's Messiah, and he began to tell people what the Messiah would do once he came. He had heard of Jesus, a cousin, and became convinced that this cousin was the Messiah, the one who would usher in the kingdom of God. He would soon emerge and would then bring down fire and the Spirit of God on his people.

But John got caught up in the jaws of political power. As he became better known, he criticized the leaders' ethics, their lack of morality. He was arrested and thrown into prison. Perhaps he thought the Messiah would save him. When that didn't happen and as he lingered in prison and suffered at the hands of mocking and cruel guards, he became depressed. He began to have doubts. He waited — and waited.

Finally, he sent word to Jesus asking,

for, for so many years? Are you the one? Have we been wrong? Do we look for yet another? Are you the one?"

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The list goes on and on. That is the way life is. That is the way we are, too often. We choose a profession, thinking it will satisfy our deepest needs and match our talents and fulfill our dreams. Then, after a few years, we become bored, burned out.

A school with a losing athletic record and no really good athletic program and very little talent hires a new coach with a winning record. Everyone thinks he will correct all their ills, give the school an undefeated year. He is looked upon as a miracle worker. At first!

We think about buying a new car or the ideal home. We get emotional about our choices. One day we make the purchase, thinking this will satisfy us for all time; there will never be another car, there will never be another house like this. I'll never want anything else the way I've wanted this. And that is true for a little while.

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Once Yahweh sat down at his potter's wheel and created all the creatures that would inhabit the earth. He created people, human beings. He created them in his own image, capable of loving and being loved, capable of creating. He gave them freedom of choice, freedom of will.

In time his people rebelled and didn't do the good they were capable of doing; some of them killed others and ignored Yahweh and his love. But Yahweh didn't think to himself, "Are you the ones, are you the children of my dreams and imaginings?"

Rather, he sent prophets and sages and teachers. He sent his Spirit to work upon the conscience of man. Finally, he loved his rebellious children so much that he became one of them — one of us, to show us a better way.

He showed us how to accept one another as we are, unconditionally, and not try to make each other over in our own image. He showed that out of our impatience, out of our disloyalties and brokenness — even among such dead things as those — new life can always arise.

That is his great gift to us, individually, corporately, and to the world. It is never an easy gift to live with: part of our nature causes us to use up things and other people, causes us to use up our own best intentions in search of perfection and security and self assertion, as it also causes us to ask again and again, "Are you the one; do I look for another?"

Until, one day, we can pray with St. Augustine, "Our hearts are restless, O Lord, until we find our rest in thee."

Canon Law

The church, like society at large, cannot

experience true freedom unless it submits itself

to the disciplines of the rule of law.

By J. ROBERT ZIMMERMAN

A real concern for a renewed study of canon law has begun to emerge in the church, and this concern signifies the church's return to order after the turmoil of recent times. It has been reflected by the publication of a new edition of the Annotated Constitution and Canons, and encouraged by a thoughtful review of the same in THE LIVING CHURCH, accompanied by an editorial entitled, "Back to the Canons" [TLC, May 13, 1984].

More recently, there has been the announcement of a new book by the Rt. Rev. William C. Wantland on the Constitution and Canons, reflecting a course he has taught in one of our seminaries. If this new book contains the usual careful analysis we have come to expect from Bishop Wantland, it may well make for a text to be used in other seminaries.

While applauding the call to study the canons, I feel, however, that a prior step is needed if our church is to return to a deepened respect for the canons. We have, in effect, become a church without discipline.

No one can seriously desire that we enter a period of legalism. Yet the church, like society at large, cannot experience true freedom unless it submits itself to the disciplines of the rule of law. We need to ask, "How have we gotten where we are?"

The following thoughts are descriptive rather than condemnatory. What happened was probably inevitable, given the times in which the church sought to be faithful in a rapidly changing society.

Let me describe what I consider four

"watershed" issues. Like many pr who lived through this period, I very often on the side of the decis that were made. Only the luxury of l sight would warn us that the pendu had swung too far, and the searcl balance must now begin. My esse premise: unless canons are meant t obeyed, both in letter and spirit, the not worth the paper that they printed on.

The first issue we shall call Bishop Pike affair." It came as a s to many church people in the latter of the 60s to have one of the chu greatest apologists denying all every doctrine and tenet of the fait from the Trinity and Incarnation to tain moral foundations.

Bishop Pike was presented to House of Bishops for a heresy trial. bishops responded by making it all impossible to put a bishop on trial. recall, in 1968 the bishops said th would be better for error to be perm than to risk ultimately stifling a la truth. Like others, I felt this was a choice.

I did not realize at the time how monplace it would become for bisho be deniers of the faith, rather that fenders of the faith. When such del take place within the sanctuary o theological schools, the faith of the age church person is not directl fected. When a bishop, however, d the Resurrection, it is a "shaking c foundations." Now, there apparent no heresy in the Episcopal Church.

The second issue we shall exami the marriage canon. Very few pi were found to be opposed to some sion of the old marriage canon. A pastoral approach was needed that old doctrine of "nullity," which was

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among Roman Catholics.

In two exceptions, I have no serious el with the words of the new canon, have many with its interpretation nforcements. The first exception is there needs to be a limit on the er of remarriages for any one per-'he notorious example often cited is plemnization of Elizabeth Taylor's or seventh marriage in an Episcoremony. In some dioceses, divorced e are simply remarried at will, and en as they will.

second exception is to take note of xtremely serious breakdown in ' marriages. This has reached the rtions of a pastoral tragedy. It is y remarked, "There must be no e standard." But such a remark cts the fact that clergy take a dout of vows concerning marriage. In on to the regular vows of marriage, take an ordination vow to be an ple to the flock of Christ.

buld not want to return to the days any divorced priest was automatideposed from the ministry, but ' we need some serious thinking the pastoral aspects of this probor the rectory family and for the bishop of a diocese, we need even more heart-searching on the meaning of godly discipline and compassion.

The third issue is the ordination question. Regardless of one's own viewpoint, this is simply not a settled issue in the church. How has this issue affected respect for canon law? July 29, 1984, was the tenth anniversary of the Philadelphia non-canonical ordinations. The anniversary was celebrated by some with great joy, and a service was held at the Philadelphia site. Others felt old wounds reopened.

The purpose here is not to discuss pros and cons of female ordination, only the canonical question. The House of Bishops responded to this original event by declaring the ordinations invalid. Within two years, however, what was invalid became valid — not by ordination, even conditional ordination, but rather by "recognition ceremonies," which, at their best, were eucharistic celebrations with an oath of obedience.

In 1976, General Convention at Minneapolis made a canonical change permitting the ordination of women. It passed by the smallest of margins; it was declared that women's ordination was a

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- Ancients remembered her reaching for stars: silver fruit in a garden fecund with possibilities, gasped as she stretched for nebulae down the spangled fields of time where supernovae blazed the Palestinian desert.
- David watched her combing stardust from her hair unaware the psalms she whispered were lullabies flung to the future.
- Venus shuddered as minor gods assembled their gifts garnered from sputtering galaxies and prepared to leave for parts unknown.
- Elizabeth, watching the night sky, muttered softly of fiery chariots, while Zechariah shook his head at star-struck women.
- Now! comes the God-bearer, scattering the proud with smiles that light up the Levantine night and warm the damp stable.
- Tiny He is, a wisp of possibility slipped down the reaches of time to light the darkness... She laughs, remembering how high she tried to reach when all along the fruit was inside her.

Sylvia W. Crouter

that it was merely permissive.

"There are no doctrinal issues involved" became the cliché of the day, though volumes stating otherwise continue to be written. What actually happened amounted to a declaration that all male terms in the ordination canons were to be interpreted generically, so that "man" also meant "woman."

While I agree that "man" is in proper context a generic word, like most Americans, I have been made aware that such usage is not acceptable to large segments of the population, including book publishers and the very people who used the generic argument to accomplish a change in canons.

"Inclusive language" is the new frontier, and it is interesting to note that the very next convention, almost without comment, found it necessary to go through the canons and change the offending language. Still unresolved, though, is the question of whether this should have been a constitutional change, and debated on the very real theological issues. Did we make haste at the cost of present and future controversy?

The fourth issue is the Prayer Book question. Unlike the ordination question, this one followed the canonical procedure meticulously. In addition to the standing requirements, there were additional years of "trial use." No previous revision of the Prayer Book had ever had so much discussion from so many people and segments of the church. Still, we must remember that many were alienated, since it was undeniably also the most radical revision.

It has met the test of time where it has been given a fair, open-minded opportunity. Convention did try to meet the needs of those who felt alienated by permitting continued use of certain "texts" from the 1928 Prayer Book. Specifically excluded from the beginning was displacement of the three year Lectionary.

Unfortunately, this provision has seemed to keep the controversy alive, rather than serve as an act of reconciliation. Some will not be content until there is a complete restoration of the old Prayer Book. And most of those who use it continue to use the old Lectionary and calendar in direct violation of the provisions.

Could we not have found ways to help parishes of traditional feelings make creative use of Rite I services, and the provision to change the language of other services for compatibility? I believe it is possible to worship in any given parish with the new Prayer book using services virtually indistinguishable from the old rites.

On the other side of the spectrum, there are those who use "Rite III" services to introduce alien theology in the name of "non-sexist" liturgies. Even "Mother God" and using the National Council of Churches' Lectionary, in direct disobedience to the canons, as strongly reaffirmed by the Presiding Bishop.

Surely, it is time to bring liturgical order out of chaos in all directions by affirming loyalty to the rubrics and spirit of the Book of Common Prayer and by expressing our fabled diversity within the broad limits that the Prayer Book now provides.

I conclude with a final thought: the enforcement of canon law. It has been pointed out with much legitimacy that ably similar in format to the government of the U.S. The bicentennial of both constitutions will be in 1989, and both were promulgated around the corner from each other in the city of Philadelphia.

There is one glaring difference between the two systems, however. The American Constitution provides for checks and balances by the separation of powers, and includes a powerful and independent judiciary, of which the Supreme Court is the final arbiter. There is no such system in the church.

The Constitution and Canons provide for the setting up of courts when needed,

The Student Teacher

By V. CRAIG DYER

A bout six years ago, after I had retired to a new career of improving my golf game, I found that an activity devoted exclusively to myself was sterile. I began looking, and the most fertile thing I found to do was to teach inmates in a medium security state prison.

I was astounded at their lack of cultural background. At least ten percent could neither read nor write. Most of those who could, read nothing more stimulating than comic books. There was no knowledge of literature or poetry or classical music, nor of the multitude of priceless things that are the fruit of living for thousands of years in community.

My first assignments were assisting a competent professional educator to prepare our students to pass the high school equivalency test. He encouraged me, however, to supplement the curriculum with excursions into any areas suggested while teaching the more basic subjects. Consequently, in our discussions we touched on aspects of the arts, science, history, and even comparative religion.

It has been, and continues to be, a source of joy to see many of these inmates grow. Let me tell you of the progress of one in particular, Dick Richards.

From my first day at the institution, I was attracted by a tall, young inmate who spent almost all his time teaching the functionally illiterate to read. It was stimulating to see him work diligently, hour after hour. He had no problem with discipline; every one of his students was made a captive to his dedication. His enthusiasm was contagious. We became friends.

Dick had a much larger vocabulary than any of the other prisoners. His sentence structure, however, was startlingly weak in comparison to the words he used. I frequently encouraged him to read well written books, hoping that such activity would improve both his syntax and grammar. It did. But I am ahead of my story.

I found out that the bookmobile from the local library had stopped visiting the prison. (Over a two-year period some 70 books loaned to inmates had not been returned.) Since funds to replace missing books were not available, it had been necessary to stop serving the institution. The only books available had been discarded, trashy paperbacks.

The local libraries were most cooperative, however, in donating extra copies of books to increase the prison library. In addition, I offered to sign for any library books if Dick would keep a record of who had them and see that I was able to return them when they were due.

During the three years before Dick was transferred to another location, every single book was returned. Since Dick has left, other prisoners have gladly assumed the function he performed.

Dick and I often talked of what he wanted to do when he was released: he wanted to teach school, a wise choice it seemed to me. So, to the extent that I was able, I tried to expedite his transfer to a minimum security prison where it would ultimately be possible for him to attend college prior to his release. I learned of such an institution in the the courts come into being as ins ments of the bishops and the Gen Convention or diocesan conventio There is no separation of powers (standing committees executive, judio or both?), and there is no final cour appeal for those who feel their rights even their faith, have been violated.

How to enforce the canons with so sense of order, but without becoming galistic where grace should predomin is the major issue of canon law. The ture stability of the church depe upon this delicate but important ance.

state at which college teachers ducted evening courses for credit, Dick was transferred to that local He is now attending North Carc Central as a day student, prior to release and he is doing well.

During the three years since his tr fer from the institution where I te Dick and I have remained in close tact. We have written to each other quently, and I have visited him at l once a month. As one phase of the re ation of his confinement, he is now mitted to accompany me on visits side the prison. During such times have had lunch, gone to church, vis both Chapel Hill and Duke Univers inspected libraries and bookstores, even bought a few things he will i when he is paroled. He is well on the to becoming the teacher he wants to I am proud of him.

The climax of this story, though curred several weeks ago while we' at lunch. He said, "Craig, have you Hermann Hesse?" I told him I had but the name was familiar. "It sh be," he said; "He won the Nobel Pri 1946. I've just finished reading Na sus and Goldmund. It's a book should not miss."

Filled with excitement, he told some of the story. In his exciten some of the old grammatical errors c back, but they were temporary ab tions. I listened, filled with wonder the friend whom I had for six years encouraging to read more had assu a role which I had played alone.

I immediately got a copy of that | and read it. Since then I have read eral of Hesse's other novels, and the that Hesse is more than just and author has increased the impact of event upon me. He is unique. He source of new thoughts, of new ins into the complex organism of w Dick and I are examples.

But the event is even more. It is t a culmination, an unexpected fruit ministry which, even without such max, has been and remains a sourjoy and revelation.

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Messenger Comes

ach year at this time, John the Baptist appears in the Sunday Gospels as a stern messenger of st. reminding us that Christmas is not just fun and es, but rather the serious business of welcoming Lord into the world. The question is not whether we enough tinsel to decorate our homes, but whether ave done anything to decorate our souls, to make elves ready to receive him. John demands that we onest — with ourselves, with others, and with God. rt of John's message is the importance of caring he poor (Luke 3:11). We have plenty of poor people need attention even here in this wealthy nation. On international scene, as leaders of various church es have long been pointing out, the people of Ethioind some other parts of Eastern Africa are underg appalling suffering. Relief agencies at many levncluding, of course, the Presiding Bishop's Fund Norld Relief, need the fullest support in dealing this crisis, a crisis which truly is surpassing anyz most of us can imagine.

5 May Be More

he Founder of our religion set a good precedent for using agricultural examples to teach a variety of hs. How about this? We recently heard of a test lving two 36-acre pieces of farmland. In one, all 36 s were devoted to soybeans. In the other, four acres occupied by trees providing a windbreak, and only cres were devoted to soybeans.

e second field, with four acres less being planted, uced a crop over 20 percent larger than the first . Trees take a long time to grow and they require e, but in the long run, the protection they offer wind erosion, and from the wind drying out moispays off.

, we may say, it is with the kingdom of heaven. We eed strong qualities in our lives in order to be fully ful. These strong qualities, these "trees" if you require effort, time, and space to grow, but in the run the results become apparent. Even in the ic rush of the Christmas season, a portion of our and energy can best be devoted to the spiritual ties which matter most. The rest of our life will be petter because of it.

It Out

Je live in an age of testing. Tests are conducted on our water, our air, our blood, new machines products, medicines, business methods, and peolis is a significant change. In past generations, it assumed that the way that things had always been was the right way: other ways were to be avoided. y we have learned that if something can be imed even a very little bit, it may be worth the effort. How do we decide? We test it, of course. The new machine or new method or whatever it is, is tested in actual use, with all the costs of operation, maintenance, and so forth being carefully recorded. To test a product, or a machine, or a method is to try it out in actual performance, under careful observation.

When we test people we usually don't do that. Mostly we give them pieces of paper to write on. The test is an opportunity for an individual to write about what actual performance may be like, not the opportunity actually to perform.

Seeking approval for ordination in the Episcopal Church is a good example. Ordinands are asked in examinations to write many hundreds of words on a variety of church-related topics. The ordinands are not observed carefully in actual practice.

Do such examinations actually accomplish anything? There is only one way to find out — by testing. What is the correlation between the examination score and actual performance? Are those who did well in canonical examinations the ones who have the best record of actual performance during the first ten years after ordination? Are those who did poorly in the examination also those who did poorly in actual performance? In short, does the validity of the examination bear up under testing?

Perhaps the examinations are right on target, and the majority of those above a certain level do very well in actual performance and those below a certain level do very poorly. In that case, the verdict of the examination should be more rigorously enforced. But do we know? What are the facts? The day is past when a responsible organization can allow itself to be swayed by untested assumptions.

Advent Awakening

Just when you felt convinced that the inevitable was already happening, just when the dailiness of every single thing had finally persuaded you not to expect, not even to look, just when tomorrow had completely lost its meaning as distinct from everyday. a melody of dancing was caught from far away, one sigh became transmuted in mid-air into a gasp of sheer astonishment, and now a word, He comes, new whispered on December's wind, melts grim-set lips to simple speech and song and framing salutations.

J. Barrie Shepherd

CONVENTIONS

The 26th council of the Diocese of Northwest Texas was held November 2-4 in San Angelo. Emmanuel Church, San Angelo, which was celebrating its 100th anniversary, co-hosted the gathering with Good Shepherd Church.

The Rt. Rev. Sam B. Hulsey presided over the council, at which extensive changes were made in the diocesan canons and constitution. In his charge to convention, Bishop Hulsey said that although he was not interested "in a numbers game," he wanted to remind the delegates that "the numbers baptized and confirmed within our diocese last year were very similar to the numbers baptized and confirmed ten years ago." He noted that "not without some pain, but altogether most gracefully," the diocese had added two women priests to the ordained ministry.

A new format provided time for eight workshops on a variety of topics; open hearings on all major items of business; a dinner dance; and two major liturgical events.

A budget of \$806,532 was adopted for 1985. This sum includes the diocese's share of the national church apportionment and funds earmarked for Hispanic ministry. Approximately \$4,000 of endowment income was designated for experimental forms of mission work both within and without the diocese.

The 56th convention of the Diocese of Eau Claire met in that Wisconsin city's Christ Church Cathedral October 26 and 27. Among those who addressed the delegates were the Rev. John Fischer, executive director of the Wisconsin Conference of Churches; Lutheran Church in America Bishop Robert Wilch; and the Rev. Earl Neil, who serves as liaison between the diocese and the national church.

The convention accepted unanimously the recommendations of the diocesan long range planning committee, which has been working on restructure and revising canons for three years. The changes became effective immediately.

Christ Church, Bayfield, a summer chapel, was accepted officially as a mission. Due in part to a United Thank Offering grant for winterizing, the building will be open year-round.

A budget of \$235,000 was adopted for 1985.

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The 132nd convention of the Diocese of Iowa met in Des Moines on November 9 and 10 and approved a proposal to launch a \$1.5 million fund drive early in 1985.

Funds raised will be disbursed to areas of particular concern inside and outside

been designated for improving and endowing the Episcopal Center for Camps and Conferences in Boone, Iowa. Outside of the diocese, the areas for mission activity which will benefit include the Diocese of Brechin, Iowa's companion diocese in the Scottish Episcopal Church.

Preacher at the convention Eucharist was United Methodist Bishop Reuben P. Job. Among others who addressed the convention were Chris Gilbert, a Christian social worker from the Diocese of Brechin and Bob Schminkey, a member of the national staff of Bread for the World.

This year's convention featured a series of workshops presented by various diocesan commissions. In other legislative action, the delegates adopted the 1985 diocesan fund budget of \$855,657. Assessments totaling \$742,416 were approved for support of the budget.

Equivocator

He thought he stood upright and took courageous strides, with both feet firmly planted on all sides.

Gloria Maxson



West Missouri was held in Kansas (Mo., on November 16-18. Guest spe was the Very Rev. James C. Fenha dean of General Theological Seminar New York City.

Dean Fenhagen's two addresses tered on "the sharing of the royal pr hood of Christ" by all Christians, ordained clergy only.

The diocese began its second yea full implementation of a voluntary quota system by which parishes missions decide what they can and n give to support the work of the dioc The responses were reportedly encouing, although the budget was not of pleted at the time of the convenmeeting.

Elections were held for General Con tion deputies, and a special recognitic the life and work of the Rev. Canon Chi Kronmueller, canon to the ordinary, died in October, took place at the vention's services of worship.

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Church in Colonial Times

ONIAL ANGLICANISM IN TH AMERICA. By John erick Woolverton. Wayne State ersity Press, Detroit. Pp. 331. 0.

Woolverton deserves thanks and e for filling a long-felt need for a rehensive study of the church in ial America and in doing it so well. focuses on the tobacco colonies, New York-Albany corridor, Boston /icinity, the Burlington-Phildelphia and Charleston and its satellites th Carolina, Georgia, and the Carib-. He deals with administrative and ogical developments, integrating with social, political, and demonic trends.

hough Anglicans were never more a substantial minority in the colo-- and dominant only in Virginia Maryland — they were far more intial than their numbers would sugin the larger seaboard towns from of their close connection with the crown and the mother country, they exerted a widespread and beneficial cultural influence, especially through the SPCK, the SPG, and the academic and pedagogical propensities of many colonial priests.

Dr. Woolverton's style is discursive, rather than strictly narrative. He deals with movements through vignettes of individual men of thought and action interspersed with generalizations as a running commentary, a style in which he excels.

Most of his observations are incisive and challenging. A few are questionable, *e.g.*, the statement (p. 17) that in England apostolic succession was "not of bishops whose authority was derived from the crown but of the monarchs themselves," and (p. 33) that Morning Prayer was "the standard service of the church on Sundays."

The former may cause the bones of Archbishop Parker to rotate in his tomb. The latter is an instance of reading Victorian practice back into the previous century, when Matins, Litany, and Ante-Communion were obligatory on Sundays when the Eucharist was not celebrated.

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Flexibility and Simplicity

SEEKING GOD: The Way of St. Benedict. By Esther de Waal. Liturgical Press, Collegeville, Minn. Pp. 160. \$4.95 paper.

The giants of the spiritual life almost always offer a simple model for growth in holiness. This characteristic of simplicity is preeminently manifested in the Holy Rule of St. Benedict. The Rule may be rightly claimed as the dominant framework in which western monasticism developed and, from it, western spirituality.

For Anglicans, the Rule has often been cited, because of its influence upon English medieval spirituality, as the primary source of what is generally known as Anglican spirituality. Various writers have commented upon the Benedictine influence evident in the liturgical principles of the Book of Common Prayer, especially in the Offices of Morning and Evening Prayer. Thus, often without their being aware of it, Anglicans have been nurtured by the Benedictine tradition.

Seeking God was commissioned by the Archbishop of Canterbury as his lenten book for 1984. In it, the author makes explicit the connections between the principles of the Holy Rule and the daily life of ordinary Christians living in the modern world. She shows clearly and convincingly that these principles offer an appropriate framework for the Christian lifestyle in the context of the pressures of contemporary life. [The author was interviewed in TLC, Sept. 16.]

Mrs. de Waal's book is filled with wisdom and common sense. It is evidently the fruit of a lived experience and not merely theory. The author shows us how the Benedictine principles, in their simplicity, offer us both a flexible framework for our varied lives and also a clear indication of the foundations upon which the spiritual life is built.

(The Rev.) LOUIS WEIL Professor of Liturgics and Church Music Nashotah House

Vestries and Other Boards

THE EFFECTIVE VOLUNTARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS. By William R. Conrad, Jr. and William E. Glenn. Swallow Press. Pp. 244 and xix. No price given.

Conrad and Glenn have written a straightforward book based on their experience with seminars of the Institute for Voluntary Organizations, and, in the "This is a book about boards. It describes what they are and how they work. It is not a book with quick answers and shortcuts."

Clergy and laypeople who sit on the boards of non-profit organizations in their community "across the voluntary spectrum: human services, health, hospitals, arts, and education" (and one might add vestries and diocesan boards) will appreciate the authors' attempts to explain what boards can and cannot do, and the attempt to integrate the roles of board and staff in planning for management by objectives.

The chapters relating to board membership and the process of recruiting board members are entertaining and enlightening. Conrad and Glenn start with a negative comment from a staff person: "A board member is an unwanted necessity, recruited to do the vague and expected to do little" and go on to show how effective voluntary organizations (not all of the one million voluntary organizations in the U.S. *are* effective) have a good balanced working relationship between board and staff.

The board is not a rubber stamp for the executive, and for this reason a great deal of what is said about sensible recruitment for board membership stems from the desire to "detach deadwood as early as possible."

Reading this book and then thinking back to all the various voluntary boards and committees I have served on and chaired, I can see how much more effective some of them would have been if the principles in this book had been followed. Conrad and Glenn not only provide useful advice for the new board member, but insights which can improve the skills of those who have served for vears.

(The Rev. Canon) RICHARD C. NEVIUS Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf

Books Received

THE CONTEMPORARY TWELVE: The Power of Character in Today's World. By Walter Underwood. Abingdon. Pp. 112. \$5.95 paper.

THE CASE FOR CHRISTIANITY. by Colin Chapman. Eerdmans. Pp. 313. \$12.95 paper.

FEED MY SHEEP: Sermons on Contemporary Issues in Pastoral Care. Edited by Gregory J. Johnson. Paulist Press. Pp. v and 154. \$6.95 paper.

AT PEACE WITH FAILURE: How God Gives Grace To Live Beyond Your Shattered Dreams. By Duane Mehl. Augsburg. Pp. 112. \$4.95 paper.

WHEN A PERSON DIES: Pastoral Theology in Death Experience. By Robert Kinast. Crossroad/ Continuum. Pp. 124. \$7.95 paper.

SOMETIMES I WONDER ABOUT ME. By Marion Howard. Crossroad/Continuum. Pp. x and 195. \$14.95.

RAHAB. By Gloria Howe Bremkamp. Harper & Row. Pp. 213. \$11.95.

MINISTRY OF LOVE: A Handbook for Visiting the Aged. By Stephen V. Doughty. Ave Maria Press. Pp. 94. \$3.95 paper.

and places

Appointments

The Rev. Frederick S. Baldwin is rector of St. Bernard's Church, Bernardsville, N.J. Add: 29 Stevens St., Bernardsville 07924.

The Rev. Christopher G. Duffy is associate coordinator of chaplaincy services for Episcopal Community Services in Philadelphia. Mail should still be sent to 338 Ewingville Rd., Trenton, N.J. 08638.

The Rev. Craig Joseph Lister is rector of St. Thomas' Church, Box 759, Sanford, N.C. 27330.

The Rev. Fredrick A. Robinson is rector of St. Andrew's Church, Grand Prairie, Texas. Add: 727 Hill St., Grand Prairie 75050.

The Rev. Richard E. Trask is the interim rector of St. Mary's Church, Haledon, N.J. Add: 447 Belmont Ave., Haledon 07508.

The Rev. Anthony W. Van Ham is the rector of Christ Church, Palmyra, N.J. Add: 638 Parry Ave., Palmyra 08065.

Ordinations

Deacons

Western North Carolina-Linda Wofford Hawkins, non-parochial.

Resignations

The Rev. Lee Powers has resigned his work at Trinity Church, Swedesboro, N.J.

The Rev. John E. Wave has resigned as rector of St. Agnes' Church, Franklin, N.C.

Deaths

The Rev. Leonard Edward Nelson, retired priest of the Diocese of Western Louisiana, died November 4, at the age of 75, in Tampa, Fla.

Originally from Wisconsin, Fr. Nelson attended the University of Wisconsin, General Theological Seminary, Oxford University, and Nashotah House. He served in chaplaincies in Wisconsin and Tennessee, as well as college work positions in Provinces VI and IV. From 1943-46, he was a chaplain in the U.S. Army. From 1956-63 he was dean of Christ Church Cathedral, New Orleans. Fr. Nelson's last parochial positions were as rector of Trinity Church, Crowley, La., and vicar of St. Luke's, Jennings. He is survived by his wife, the former Martha Jackson Lester, and the couple's two children, the Rev. Martin Lester Nelson and Mrs. Mary Alice Lopez.

Marjorie Truesdell Rauscher, wife of the Rt. Rev. Russell T. Rauscher, retired Bishop of Nebraska, died on November 3.

The Rauschers were married in 1933, eight years before he entered the ministry. Thereafter, they lived in Iowa and Oklahoma, until Bishop Rauscher became Coadjutor of Nebraska in 1961. Mrs. Rauscher was known to be a woman of prayer, given to hospitality. She is also survived by their daughter Kate of Omaha, Neb.

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