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### the walk

the frosted road has narrowed the cabin waits floured with snow

grand mountains wear it well the white. a lack of spring.

rising up, the mist catches in my throat and someone is it you, oh God

sends the word

safekeeping.

**Robin Povey Dunagan** 





# ght in the Darkness

te fall and early winter can be a loomy time. Cold wind and rain along the sidewalks. The return to ard time means for many of us that te afternoon has been abolished: it ht when we get home from work. f-door chores and work around the aren't easy in the dark. The nights ng, and too often followed by gray artening mornings.

such a season, fatigue is felt. Disgements, anxieties, and loneliness loom large. Difficulties that were iten during the cheerful days of ier now return to the surface of life. ur spirits, not just our bodily eyes, need light.

such a time, the Advent hope of t, "the dayspring from on high," ight of the World, carries powerful ing, as does the Advent challenge ut on the armor of light," and to 'in the light of his glory." For those hom, for those in the shadow of , *light* is what is needed — not just words.

so often assume that anything and thing can be communicated by . No doubt in part because our relis summed up in a sacred book, we

assume that words are not only ient for all religious communicabut even intrinsically superior to channels of expression.

h a view, it is widely agreed, has been encouraged by the last 400 of Western civilization, with its asis on printing and the collecting, g, and studying of all branches of edge in books. Words have indeed This has often been obviously true urch, with our concern for the prevords accompanying all sacred is.

inwhile, the spirit may yearn for forms of communication — the reposing on the head in blessing or ition, the cool drop of holy water brow, the movement of standing, g, or kneeling, the bright color of ar hanging, the hand held warmly peace.

en such things have been regarded

as mere "ornaments" or "ceremonies" to accompany words. In fact they may convey more than the words.

It is not simply that we were born with

eyes that see, noses that smell, tongues that taste, and skin that feels. These are not simply so many added windows into our brain. Rather they are windows into other parts, other levels of our brain, other levels of our self, of our very soul. They may meet needs which discoursive logic and carefully chosen words do not touch.

So it is with candles on the altar or in an Advent wreath. The flame is the thing, not what we say about it. It is light we need, and all these lights point to the one who is the eternal Light, even Jesus Christ, our Lord, to whom we ascribe glory now and ever and to the ages of ages.

H. BOONE PORTER, Editor

# POET'S PROPERS

#### **St. Thomas Carol**

(Feast of St. Thomas, December 21)

In a dim and long ago he was born in ancient then. The world has circled oft and oft and will until he comes again.

His brothers suffer now as then asking, will he come? and when?

Born in a little bloody land not so very far away born to risks, to pain we know that grief can rack and terror slay.

Still we ask our where? today – Where is he? and what the way?

Born a man, he grew with years, felt what we feel as the years went by, joyed and hoped and longed and hurt, feared what we fear when he came to die.

> Still we wonder, still we cry, Who is he? and what am I?

Born from a womb as you and I son of heaven and son of Eve. We know not why, we know not how, to God and to us himself he gave.

> Nature must to destruction move but indestructible is love.

Born in a little distant land in a dim and long ago he showed us the people we might be, asked more than he gave the answer to.

> Where is he found? and when the day? Who am I? and what the way?

> > **Christine Fleming Heffner**



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# LETTERS

Letters from readers are welcomed by THE LIVING CHURCH, but selections for publication are solely at our editorial discretion and those selected may be abridged as we see fit. Letters are sometimes printed without the author's name, but we ask those who wish to be anonymous to still send their name and address to the editor. We urge writers to limit the length and confine themselves to one topic.

#### **Employment**

Bruce Alan Wilson's letter [TLC, Nov. 17] about employment practices in the church and elsewhere was somewhat perplexing. As someone who wears both an academic and an ecclesiastical hat, and has undergone more than a few interviews in each setting over a decade (at both ends of the process), I am very sympathetic to both his and Fr. Morris's [TLC, Oct. 20] frustrations about the experience of being interviewed for a professional position in today's economy.

I am more than a little bothered, however, that Mr. Wilson asks "Why should clergy expect anything different?" The answer is that *persons* being considered for positions in churches and church agencies should expect something different from that of the world because churches are supposed to be different from the world.

The giveaway, so to speak, here is Mr. Wilson's reference to the "real world." Men and women in Christ Jesus have overcome the world. The real world of Christians is not based upon the same standards of "civil" society.

I do not expect to be treated differently from anyone else when applying for a secular position because I am a clergyman. However, I do expect churches to treat everyone differently because churches have a vision of humanity based on the Christian's friendship with Jesus Christ, whom we meet in all persons.

If all we can expect from our churches is the standards of "the (real) world," then we are indeed in sorry shape, and as a Christian — let alone a priest — I consider it unwelcome.

(The Rev.) WILLIAM SWATOS St. Mark's Church

Silvis, Ill.

I fear that Mr. Bruce Alan Wilson is misinformed about the relationship of clergy to their parishes. I am not the employee of my parish; I am its leader. Although I hold myself accountable to my people. I am first of all accountable to God and to the diocese of which I am



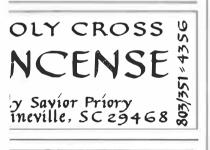


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It is unfortunate that Mr. Wilson has had such an unpleasant experience interviewing for a teaching position. Nevertheless, it is equally unfortunate that the system for clergy selection in the church so often undermines the self esteem and morale of my brothers and sisters.

I would hope that Mr. Wilson, and those who might share his views, could agree with me that there is room enough in the "real world" for all who suffer the very difficult circumstances of job interviewing, whether they be professionals, business people, laborers or even clergy.

(The Rev.) Albert L. Holland St. Gregory's Church

Deerfield, Ill.

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I am moved to respond to the letter of B. A. Wilson. While I agree that clergy are not entitled to shielding from the slings and arrows of outrageous search committees, I would have liked a smidgen more empathy and a tad less scorn from one who has endured. Demeaning does not happen without the object's permission.

As a priest who has been unemployed for a year and has yet to get close enough to a search committee to risk demeanment, I still need not give that permission. I have other qualifications. I have a teacher son who has yet to get a contract. I have managed the search process for a campus ministry position. I was an interim rector during a vacancy. In the latter, the same people, who were sweet and generous to me always, designed near fiendish tests for aspirants to the open position. As Bob Rodenmayer was fond of saying, "The nicest people do the damndest things."

Let's face it, the system does bad things to people, to employers and to those who would be employees. The church need not and ought not bend to the ways of the world, nor need it remain quietly silent about what also happens in the world.

(The Rev.) CHARLES W. HUNTER Bellingham, Wash.

#### **Standards of Living**

After 16 years of humble living as a parish priest, juggling bills prudently every month, having to be delighted to get a boxful of outgrown clothing that fit my sons from a professional family, etc., etc., I gradually came to feel that I wasn't sacrificing material well-being and sufficiency for Christ, but simply so prosperous Americans could have their religion cheaply. I became unwilling to make that sacrifice and left parish work.

Flawed thinking, no doubt: you cannot expect the flock as a whole to reach the example that should be set by its shepherd; any sacrifice can be offered up to Christ fruitfully; and I *could* have gone to serve the poor but did not; etc., etc. But I think that that problem is not uncommon. Many clergy in full-time church work aim for cardinal rectorships and bishoprics, which are rewarded very well in this world's terms. Many (most?) of the others supplement their income in some way — an employed spouse or moonlighting of some sort.

The old adage was that an effective minister is poor and humble: the church board prayed for its pastor, "Lord, you keep him humble; we'll keep him poor." Few clergy will accept that double standard today if they can help it. I don't think any should be asked or forced to do so.

On a related subject: applying for a job does have its humbling aspects; but it is an experience most people in our world must have at least several times in their lives. Sharing that reality can deepen a clergyman's empathy with his flock.

To the extent that there is real humiliation at the hands of arrogant interviewers (who, incidentally, are harming their church by such behavior), we all can decide whether we really want to work with people like that. But to the extent that interview questions are persistently probing and challenging, that is an important part of the selection process for any leadership position. Such questions would be offensive and humiliating only to the "touch not the Lord's anointed" stance, which in my view is still quite common, though most inappropriate.

Perhaps those who freely embrace inner and outer poverty deserve that reverential deference; certainly none others do.

NAME WITHHELD

#### The Anglican Myopia

Recently I attended a diocesan conference where we were told of the difficulty experienced by blacks, Hispanics, and women in obtaining favorable clergy positions in the Episcopal Church.

After studying this problem for some weeks I am left with this question: Isn't the basic cause one of distorted historical perspective? We have allowed our Anglophilia to eclipse our catholicism. Most American Episcopalians grow up accepting (more or less) the myth that Jesus was born during the reign of Queen Elizabeth and that the 12 apostles were bishops of the Church of England. Is it any wonder that they find their role models for clergy in 16th century England: white, male, Anglourbane?

The Episcopal Church should begin to teach its children that the roots of institutional Christianity are found in the church catholic. The best place to start this history lesson is the post-apostolic age wherein the church established and formalized its catholic nature.

Note well the "complexion" of the early ecumenical councils. The most famous was held at Nicaea, 325 A.D. Of 300 bishops present *only six were from the west.* No doubt most of the faces were brown or black having come from Alexandria, Ephesus, Jerusalem, Antioch, Athens, etc. (Notice: Canterbury, Cambridge, and Coventry were not represented.)

This is not to suggest that we shouldn't appreciate the contributions made to Christianity by the later branches of the church. The damage occurs when a denomination becomes so enamored with one of the branches that it forgets its roots.

*P.S.* Episcopalians aren't alone in this weakness. Presbyterians are notorious for their love affair with Scotland. There was a standing joke in my seminary (Princeton) that a pastor with a Scottish burr would expect a salary at least \$1,000 higher than his Americanspeaking colleagues.

(The Rev.) ELDRED JOHNSTON Columbus, Ohio

#### **Offering Our Best**

The writer of the letter "Bridge the Gap" [TLC, Nov. 3] should have waited a week before sending his letter. The articles on J.S. Bach [TLC, Nov. 10] answer some of his questions.

Music and art have always been pinnacled when dealing with religious subjects. The greatest of all church musicians said "It has been my constant aim that church music should be performed to exalt God's glory." Education should be done at any time except during the worshiping of God. At that time only the best we have to offer is acceptable.

MARSHALL BUSH Church of the Epiphany Providence, R.I.

### **Different Orders**

In response to the question raised by Betty Noice [TLC, Nov. 17] about why votes are taken by orders in the synods of the church, I think that several answers may be advanced.

First, the clerical and the lay orders are, in fact, *different*; and they have different functions and responsibilities within the body — which fact, of course, says nothing about their relative value. To extend the Pauline analogy (and to mix the metaphors) the eye and the ear, the heart and the mind, have differing but complementary — means of perception; and this, at least on occasion, has to be taken into account if a balanced perspective is to be reached.

Second, whether or not it is desirable that it should be so, that fact is that the clerical and the lay orders are not subject to the same (or equally stringent) canonical requirements with regard to theological competence, adherence to pure doctrine and holiness of life. Again, this is not to say that the lay order does not in practice meet, or even exceed, these standards; it simply is not *required* to do so. Under some circumstances, this could mean a difference in the degree of freedom with which each order casts its votes.

Finally, there is the pragmatic consideration that if (and this has been known to happen) there should be a radical difference of opinion or attitude between the clerical and lay orders with regard to a particular course of action, this fact should be clearly revealed by the results of a vote by orders so that disaster may be avoided.

(The Very Rev.) ALLAN R.G. HAWKINS St. Bartholomew's Church

### Arlington, Texas

#### 'Need' to Worship

In 1984, Pope John Paul II decreed that the 16th century uniform Latin Mass established by the Council of Trent, could once more be used occasionally, under certain conditions. Such use would not be optional to the post-Vatican II decrees on eucharistic worship.

According to Archbishop Daniel E. Pilarczk of Cincinnati, head of the National Conference of Catholic DISI Committee on the Liturgy, it was papal intention to "accommodate to people who felt the need for occas celebrations of the pre-Vatican II enristic worship." Further said the bishop, if a bishop granted a petitic them to so worship, the celebr "must take place exclusively for the efit of those who petition it." His a ment was given to the *Catholic* graph, the Cincinnati archdioc weekly.

A NCCB study is being made o man Catholic dioceses to deter what's happening under the new decree. It is planned to make the su public sometime this month.

There are many clergy and laity ( own church who have a similar "nee worship according to the 1928 Rite

Would it not be possible, since 19 not optional, to overcome any diffi to petition a bishop to grant such u but to be used "exclusively" by suc titioners?

Such a petition, if granted, v serve to calm our continuing contrc over Prayer Book usage.

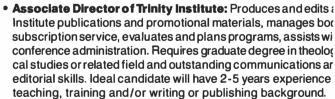
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### 'ian Leaders Threatened

lives of two church leaders in Libery be under threat because of an d coup attempt in the West Afriition, according to church mission 7 officials in the U.S.

Most Rev. George Browne of Monrovho heads the Diocese of Liberia le autonomous Anglican Province st Africa, "is in hiding," according ward Holmes, former Episcopal ns official in New York. Arch-Browne "had contingency plans 'e the country. He was marked for because he was known to be op-' to the government of President I K. Doe. The archbishop is also ent of the Liberia Council of hes, which has issued sharp critiof some of Mr. Doe's policies. A dist bishop is also in hiding for g the government.

spite of government turmoil, smen for Episcopal, Southern Baputheran Church in America, and I Methodist foreign missions agensaid that the sketchy information had received indicated that their naries were safe. Telephone conhave been difficult to establish and of the church agencies were using adio operators in nearby African ies to maintain contact with misies and indigenous church leaders eria.

Holmes, who was on a flight to via earlier in the week, was dito Dakar, Senegal, when the air-Monrovia was shut down and all s closed. He was able to reach offiat Episcopal-related Cuttington e in Suacoco, Liberia, who told e situation was not stable, despite ent Doe's claims that he had reascontrol over the country.

Iolmes said that Rudolph Grimes, yer who is attorney for the an Church in Liberia, was among position party members arrested. Grimes headed the commission rote a new constitution of Liberia. firmed reports indicated that his Joris, had been shot.

### Hunger Award

n the "Help End Hunger" stamp sued by the United States Postal e in Washington, D.C. October 15, y before World Food Day, Mary on of St. John's Church in Talla-, Fla., was the only Episcopalian among the ten Americans receiving certificates for distinguished service from the House Select Committee on Hunger.

Designed by artist Jerry Pinkney, the 22-cent stamp shows the faces of three thin, haggard people of different ages and races. In his letter inviting Mrs. Hardison to the ceremony, Rep. Mickey Leland, chairman of the House Select Committee on Hunger, said "To introduce a stamp bearing the legend 'Help End Hunger' without presenting representatives of how help has been given would be a lost opportunity. Your example has been an inspiration, and it is a pleasure to recognize individuals who have made a difference."

Mrs. Hardison, who flew to Washington for the ceremony, has served for eight years, with her husband, the Rev. James A. Hardison, Jr., as coordinator for the Tallahassee chapter of Bread for the World, a national group working to alleviate poverty and hunger through citizen advocacy campaigns. Under their leadership, the chapter has grown from 25 members to nearly 100, with an age range of from 19 to 75. For the last year, they have also served as diocesan hunger coordinators for the Diocese of Florida.

Mrs. Hardison says that she and her husband have emphasized advocacy because that is an area they feel is frequently overlooked, despite the fact that one piece of legislation can have an impact on millions of lives. However, in their presentations to church and other groups, they offer a multi-faceted approach of prayer, study, education, direct relief, and giving (of both time and money) as well as advocacy.

She said they encourage people to start with one area, and to recognize that the problem is "not so large that they can't do something." She added that an individual approach is important. "The elderly, college students each have unique things they can do. . . . We try to help people see that it's not a duty but a privilege to become part of the hope for the hungry."

The couple also helped expand the "shop and share" program, which provides collection bins in Tallahassee grocery stores which shoppers fill with an average of 900 cans of donated food each month. Local churches take month-long turns distributing the groceries to food pantries and soup kitchens in the area.

Meanwhile, plans continue for an ecumenical, state-wide Bread for the World seminar to be held at the diocesan camp and conference center. Mrs. Hardison said, "Our goal has been to assist others in finding effective ways to express compassion."

### Marriage Guidelines Developed

A joint agreement between the Rt. Rev. David B. Reed, Bishop of Kentucky, and the Most Rev. Thomas C. Kelly, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Louisville, has resulted in Episcopal-Roman Catholic marriage guidelines for ecumenical couples.

According to the *The Bishop's Letter*, the diocesan newspaper for Kentucky, the guidelines are the result of interdiocesan clergy dialogues aimed at increasing understanding between the two denominations so that there can be more efficient pastoral care of marriages between Roman Catholics and Episcopalians.

The guidelines include the following agreements:

- pre-nuptial counseling and marriage ceremony preparation should involve pastors from both churches;
- both churches realize the theological understanding of marriage as a sacrament is similar;
- the couple is a sign of Christian unity to both churches.

Dialogue is expected to continue well into next year on the theological questions and care of such marriages.

### Computer USERs Group

The Doral Hotel and the office of the Church Pension Fund in New York were the sites of the organizational meeting of the Episcopal Computer USERs Group. Held October 15 to 17, the meeting was attended by 42 diocesan administrators, treasurers and computer personnel as well as parish priests and other computer enthusiasts.

Membership in the group is open to any individuals who are actively engaged in non-profit church-related services, planning, or have acquired or otherwise use computers, software and/or word processing in the service of the church.

The conference included a panel discussion of the different types and stages of computer installations in both dioceses and parishes. Various discussions were presented on computer use in the church environment.

VINCENT CURRIE, JR.

# CONVENTIONS

Mission, evangelism and stewardship were the main themes of the 99th convention of the Diocese of Colorado, held November 7-8 at St. John's Cathedral, Denver.

It was also a time when people of the diocese could express their joy at being able to "keep" their bishop, the Rt. Rev. William C. Frey, who had been one of four nominees for Presiding Bishop at the recent General Convention in Anaheim, Calif.

Stewardship was again a major topic. Supported by voluntary pledges from parishes and missions, the diocese has, in recent years, found itself hard-pressed to expand programs and missions at home after paying the national church's full asking. Considerable time has been spent this fall explaining the relationship of each congregation's net disposable budget income to the national asking. In his address, Bishop Frey asked for a review of the voluntary plan, a concept which he has long supported.

Delegates approved a challenge program for 1986 calling for expenditures of \$1,405,353. However, an actual budget cannot be drawn up by the diocesan executive council until voluntary pledges are received early in 1986.

Three resolutions dealing with the situation in South African elicited vigorous responses. Two of them passed easily, the first condemning the policy of apartheid and the second expressing solidarity with Bishop Tutu and his colleagues, designating the convention offerings for African relief, and setting aside the First Sunday in Advent as a day of special intention for the oppressed people of South Africa. However, a third resolution, having to do with disinvestment and economic sanctions, was defeated.

BARBARA BENEDICT

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The Diocese of Rochester, meeting at St. Thomas Church in Bath, New York November 9 for its convention, embraced the sanctuary movement as a concept that is "firmly grounded in both the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament and in the history of the Christian Church."

In a measure adopted by the 265 clerical and lay delegates, the convention affirmed and supported the use of local churches as "places of public sanctuary for undocumented refugees from El Salvador, Guatemala, and Haiti," and encouraged the parishes to examine their responsibilities for providing the refugees with "physical, emotional, spiritual and legal aid."

Within the eight counties of the diocese, there are presently only five



"Hola Dios! Hello Godl — Hispanic Witness and Ministry" is the Church School Missionary Offering study for 1985-86, and the theme of the poster and CSMO order form that has been mailed to every church congregation. Funds collected through the offering will benefit an unusual bilingual summer day camp serving 600 children in the Diocese of Bethlehem. The camp travels to four different innercity settings and is able to reach a large number of children. A highlight of each camp session is the releasing of many "Hola Dios" balloons such as those above.

churches that have declared their willingness to become sanctuaries (none of them Episcopal and all in Rochester), but only one, Downtown Presbyterian Church, is actually providing sanctuary to any refugees.

In other convention action the delegates urged education, prayer, and ministry to the victims of AIDS, their families, and all those who fear the AIDS epidemic. They also urged churches and parishioners to follow the lead of the diocese and consider not purchasing any further securities of companies which have financial investments in South Africa.

They protested government eavesdropping of church meetings to obtain indictments against sanctuary workers, and went on record as supporting the Contadora initiative for a peaceful settlement of the Nicaraguan question.

St. Peter's Church, Henrietta, was admitted to the diocese as a parish church and its vicar, the Rev. Marilyle Sweet Page, was called as its first rector.

A 1986 budget of \$1,076,681 was approved.

In his convention address, the Rt. Rev. William G. Burrill, Bishop of Rochester, called attention to some of the major achievements of the diocese during the past year, including the development of the Rochester plan for stewardship education, increased giving from congregations to diocesan programs, growth of the diocesan youth program and resource ministry, sensible restructuring of the proposed diocesan budget, and the expansion of the Allegany County Episcopal Ministry, a cluster of small rural congregations in the southern tier. RICHARD HENSHAW, JR.

Iowa was held in Des Moines, No ber 8-9.

The Rt. Rev. Walter C. Rig Bishop of Iowa, addressed the contion about mission and ministry closed by suggesting that the diset a goal of doubling its membersh the next ten years. The suggestion later adopted by the convention.

It was reported that the respor ministry and mission campaign, earlier in 1985, had pledges totalir most \$1.3 million, with many par and missions of the diocese having or exceeded their individual goals.

The convention refused to endo petition asking the Iowa legislatu declare Iowa a Nuclear Free Zone supported working for verifiable, eral nuclear freeze.

Regarding investments in comp doing business in South Africa, a retion calling for divestment of stocks by the end of 1986 was ref However, the convention endorsed icy of continuing to hold discus with such companies with a view tsuading them to cease South Africa erations, and to divest such hol only when reasonable and timely e of persuasion fail.

Other resolutions were adopted porting a negotiated settlement or tral American, non-violent resistan the war in Central America, an tended voluntary departure statu Salvadorian refugees who have fl the U.S.

In other actions, the conventic plauded its two Jubilee Centers, lc in Trinity Church, Muscatine, ar Paul's Indian Mission in Sioux Cit urged the formation of additional lee Centers in the state.

A diocesan budget of \$910,19; adopted for 1986.

(The Rev.) Thomas W. C

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Idaho State University at Poc: was the site for the convention ( Diocese of Idaho, held Novembe About 200 lay delegates and 25 ( from communities in southern attended.

The Rt. Rev. David B. Birney, E of Idaho, asked participants to de and put into action a plan for dic self support, for planting new con, tions, for phasing out aid to old c gations, and for finding new we carry out Christ's advocacy for the imprisoned or ill.

The bishop's address supported port of a long range planning task who presented their planning proc the delegates. Bishop Birney call implementation of self-support ", a very few years," while the pla months.

c) following on the bishop's theme lebates on the budget and 12 resos, calling mainly for commitment ople who are emotionally, spiritund economically needy. These ini resolutions of support for those r in Central America, adoption of ines of support for recovering alco-, a mandate for a task force to ways of strengthening families, hree resolutions on domestic and hunger. The diocese approved all ures except one calling upon the

l government to increase aid to y Americans. ) defeated was a measure "con-

ig the Holy Bible to be the ble-inerrant, inspired Word of

udget of \$433,000 was passed for

(The Rev.) PETER MICHAELSON

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ting at St. Michael's Church in l on November 1 and at Emmahurch in Newport on November 2, iocese of Rhode Island held its convention.

Rt. Rev. George Nelson Hunt, o of Rhode Island, officiated at the g with Evensong on Friday night Michael's. Dom Helder Camara, ime Roman Catholic Archbishop nda and Recife, Brazil, spoke at ong and the Saturday Eucharist. tspoken advocacy on behalf of the n Brazil earned him enmity of the y dictatorship in the 1970s. He the delegates "blood brothers and , because of our oneness in the of Jesus Christ."

he business meetings, the convenrected the investment committee diocese to sell all its holdings in loing business in South Africa by

31, 1986, an action called for earthe day by Bishop Hunt in his ition address.

solution put forth by the Rev. e Harris, a prison chaplain, for "thanks to God, for the life, witnd ministry" of William Stringfelie Episcopal lay theologian from Island, R.I., who died earlier this vas passed unanimously as well.

diocese also approved a 1986 ; of \$1,846,295.

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15th convention of the Diocese of n Kansas was held October 24-26 t, Kansas.

ng his address, the Rt. Rev. John iby, Bishop of Western Kansas, iged both laity and clergy to recommitment to evangelism and held during convention addressed these same subjects. A third workshop introduced some of the music that is to be published in the new hymnal.

Bishop Ashby continued a longstanding tradition when he presented the bishop's service awards to communicants in the diocese. A total of seven recipients were recognized for their outstanding and dedicated work at local, diocesan or national church levels.

A budge of \$271,820 was passed for 1986.

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Congregations in the Diocese of Southwest Florida responded to the call for a million dollar mission trust fund started last year by pledging \$1,492,423 during the 1985 diocesan convention. The pledges represent monies and real estate and will be used to minister to the area's increasing population.

The Rt. Rev. Paul Haynes, Bishop of Southwest Florida, presided at the meeting which was held in the Charlotte County Memorial Auditorium in Punta Gorda, Fla., October 18-19. DaySpring, the diocese's new conference center, was reported as operating at capacity, and is planning a land mortgage burning early in 1986. The diocese welcomed in fourteen new clergy and also instated St. Joseph's congregation in San Carlos Park, Fort Myers, as an organized mission.

A resolution designating the House of Prayer in Tampa, Fla., as a Jubilee Center was approved. In addition, 14 persons were honored for their service to the diocese and were presented with diocesan seal pins from Bishop Haynes.

A budget for 1986 of \$1,622,049 was approved.

JOYCE C. SMITH

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The 108th convention of the Diocese of Quincy met October 18-19 in Warsaw, Ill., hosted by the congregation of St. Paul's Church.

The Very Rev. Jack C. Knight, newly elected Dean of Nashotah House Seminary in Nashotah, Wis., was the speaker for a banquet held the evening of the 18th.

The Saturday business session was marked by three items of special interest, including the admission of St. Andrew's Church of Peoria as a parish; the report that diocesan VIM money is being used for the support of the church in Haiti; and the bishop's call for continued work on the principles enunciated by the diocesan mini-convention of 1984.

The convention accepted the call of the Rt. Rev. Donald Parson, Bishop of Quincy, to pledge itself to work toward regional meetings in the near future involving both clergy and laity, and to discuss the resources and need of the various areas of the diocese.

A budget of \$204,388 was approved for 1986.

(The Rev. Canon) Edward J. Tourangeau

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A \$1.5 million capital fund campaign to raise money for four diocesan ministries was approved at the 117th convention of the **Diocese of Albany** held October 13-14 in Albany, N.Y.

The campaign will raise money for the improvement of properties and programs at Beaver-Cross, the diocesan camp and conference center; Barry House, the diocesan retreat and conference center; the diocesan counseling service; and the diocesan headquarters. In addition, a tithe will be made from the final total raised in the campaign to a missionary project outside the diocese.

The Rt. Rev. David S. Ball, Bishop of Albany, spoke to the convention and outlined four goals for his diocese. They include:

- developing vital, vigorous parishes and local churches;
- improving Christian education in all forms;
- reaching 100 percent apportionment giving in all churches;
- successfully reaching the goals of the capital fund campaign.

The convention also approved a resolution calling for a study of the ordination and licensing of women priests, which will begin at the clergy conference in April, 1986.

A 1986 budget of \$859,400 was approved.

DAVID KALVELAGE

# BRIEFLY...

The popularity of Sunday professional football games has meant adjustments for a number of churches across the country, especially those located next to major stadiums. According to Religious News Service, the last time the Dallas Cowboys played in the Superbowl, the First Baptist Church in Dallas erected an enormous screen on which worshippers could watch the game immediately after the service. Similarly, in Green Bay, Wis., the Rev. Donn Ott of First United Methodist said his church checks the Packers' schedule in planning church events. "You simply don't take on the team head to head at times they are scheduled - either Sunday afternoons or Monday nights," he said.

# Bluegrass Music and Religion in America

We are only beginning to draw on the best of our available traditions, which includes the music of Appalachia.

#### By FREDERICK QUINN

Life is like a mountain railroad, with the engineer so brave. We must make the run successful from the cradle to the grave. Keep your hand upon the throttle and your eye upon the rail.... As you roll across the trestle spanning Jordan's tide, you behold the union depot into which your train must glide. Then you'll meet the superintendent, God the Father, God the Son ...."

The song titles say a lot about the people and their religion. "Power in the Blood," "The Wayward Traveler," "When I Lay My Burden Down," "Just a Baby's Casket," and "The Gospel Train is Coming." The songs suggest the content of the bluegrass religion. People are lonely pilgrims, moving through a dark valley, like Appalachia, filled with unending hard times. The difficulties of poor health, unemployment, and hard work will be rewarded by life in a mansion over the hilltop, where those who endure will live with God. Bluegrass music and religion emerged chiefly in the mountainous region of the American south, extending beyond the rich coastal tobacco lands, from West Virginia and Virginia through Tennessee, Kentucky, the Carolinas, and Georgia. The land was slowly populated in the 18th century by indentured servants and small landowners, followed by Scotch-Irish migrants moving south from Pennsylvania. Life was harsh on the hill country farms: the soil was poor, the terrain difficult to cross; the region lacked large towns and industry, except for coal mines and some timbering.

Isolation affected peoples' outlooks and music. Loneliness was part of life, as in "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley." Violence, death, transportation wrecks, and crop failures are the subjects of hundreds of songs. It is not a world of many happy endings and successful, upwardly mobile people, nor of many choices for a person.

The musical wellsprings within the Anglican orbit are numerous, and today's English anthem may have been last century's drinking song. It is surprising, given America's rich musical talent, that we are only beginnin draw on the best of our available tions: Hispanic, Black, Eastern pean, Germanic-Nordic and Ag chian.

Bluegrass religious beliefs are c rooted in the history of the people sang the music. Protestantism ca the southern United States in th 18th century as an evangelical ment, leaving a strong stamp th mains two centuries later. Preachin direct and emotional with sharp di tions drawn between the waywar the saved. "He will set your fiel fire," a song reminds the undecide

Few of the pastors were educate mally; most stayed with dictio literal biblical quotations in their p: ing, like "I'm Using My Bible Roadmap." Early clergy were farmer-preachers of unpretentiou gins, employing their own barns, h or brush arbors as churches.

Services included congregational ing, intense sermons, and preacher members testifying about their c sion experiences and inviting oth do likewise. The personal encounte

The Rev. E. Frederick Quinn was most recently interim rector of Christ Church, Accokeek, Md.

Walks With Me and He Talks Ae," "I Saw the Light," and "He's ck of My Salvation." Other songs e image of Jesus as pilot, anchor, n, harbor, or engineer.

Calvinistic and Wesleyan tradinfluenced the music. From Calvin a grim fatalism about a sinful filled with tribulation and death. titles reflect this heritage, "This is Not My Home," "Just a Wan-Soul," "The Dying Girl's Mesand "Bury Me Under the Weeping "." The music was Wesleyan, too, e lyrics lacked the poetry of one of the most prolific hymn writers. do not include the richly-varied an emphasis on the Holy Spirit or urgical year, and there is little ass music for Christmas.

use of the Civil War, forces of were largely associated with the and ignored or rejected. Southern tant churches were thus caught in warp, holding to a version of Protism that had been supplanted else-

g "hardshell" was both a source e and defensiveness. Such religion ned against card playing, drinkd dancing, but not against racism tical corruption. It stressed perand not civic morality and, faced he intrusions of an emerging urdustrial civilization, drew up the s around the warming campfires it old-time religion." Bluegrass regave social issues vague, neutral ent. "What a Time We're Living how one song views with amazehe issues facing society. "Keep on nny Side" is another's response to eat Depression.

thern school masters moving and southern educators only bemake an impact when the Civil ft a desolate land.

iblic schools were not widespread, gical studies were even more limidependent seminaries, traditional for expanding intellectual, reliand cultural horizons, were cenn northern states. Locally, a handdenominational Bible schools

reinforced traditional beliefs. bluegrass message was musically ligiously direct, unambiguous,

ncomplicated. The singer's task hold an audience and tell a story h song. Powerful music and a simbeated message did just that.

ch music was often interchangeth dance hall tunes, the same muperforming in both settings, for from the church was the tavern, l store, or barn dance. It was, first vocal music, to be sung by a local gation, and not in a concert hall. isical origins were English and ingland ballads, hymns, and folk "The bluegrass message was musically and religiously direct, unambiguous, and uncomplicated."

songs, learned at singing schools held by itinerant music masters. Generally, a lead singer carried the tune or lined the verse in advance. Usually it was the music of a duo, trio, quartet or family, singing a cappella.

Some churches forbade musical instruments, calling the violin "the devil's instrument," and others employed them. Stringed instruments, like dulcimers, banjos, fiddles, and guitars, provided small ensemble backup for singers. Groups generally enjoyed local or regional reputations, their composition subject to frequent change. Some, like the Carter family, were recorded in the early 1920s and gained a national following.

The bluegrass religious repertoire has much to offer Anglicans, and can be woven into the regular selection of hymns and anthems. Much of it, while powerful, is not difficult to sing or play. Episcopalians can adopt the long held Appalachian practice of having a family (with or without instruments) sing an anthem. This music fits admirably into hymn sings with "dinner on the ground."

Bluegrass religious music, like popular music anywhere, borrowed heavily from its surroundings. Spirituals, like "My Lord, What a Morning," and harmonies and solo styles unique to black singers were grafted on.

With western migrations, bluegrass encountered Cajun, Mexican, cowboy and western swing music. Honky-tonk piano, jazz, rock, tapes, and electrically amplified instruments were added by bluegrass musicians, as they had earlier learned from Hawaiian bands that passed through Appalachia on sales tours in the pre-World War II period. Although it added from many sources, bluegrass remained essentially different from folk music of the industrial north, which was urban, liberal, and political in message, while bluegrass remained rural, conservative, and nonpolitical in content.

spreading this music from 1935 on was through radio, chiefly the broadcasts of Grand Old Opry, the Nashville music program that has featured country and bluegrass musical groups. During World War II, thousands of young men from Appalachia joined the armed forces. Their music accompanied them across America and overseas.

Later, with the spread of television and international radio, bluegrass became a staple in the musical life of many countries. I once heard a French church choir of young people sing bluegrass anthems in North Africa, and in Prague we watched a skating competition, the great ice palace being flooded with the music of "Amazing Grace" as young Eastern European performers skated through their routines.

What can be said, on balance, about bluegrass music and religious thought? It is extremely powerful music; it rivets the listener's attention through cadence and rhythm. Its message has both positive attractions and distinct limitations. There is a fervor, closeness, sureness, and a lack of ambiguity to religious belief.

It is also a religion that allows its followers a means to triumph over hard times and adversity. Many of bluegrass religion's followers are from settings like those described in the music, which explains its appeal in Third World countries, where living conditions sometimes suggest Appalachia in the 1930s.

On the other hand, there are limitations to bluegrass theology. One has to search hard for a resurrection victory in it. There are not many songs about the present life being transformed by the resurrection; there are numerous songs about the cross and the hope for a better life beyond the grave "in the sweet by and by." One hauntingly beautiful example is "The Gospel Train is Coming," asking "Now, don't you want to go, and leave the world of troubles here below?"

"Good in small doses," is how a former West Virginian rector describes bluegrass music and religion. As such, it has a distinct contribution to make to that patchwork quilt that is contemporary Anglican culture.

An image that expresses the heart of bluegrass religion is the great speckled bird in Jeremiah, the subject of a popular hit religious song. This beautiful creature is attacked by other birds (Jeremiah 12:9) who find fault with it. Still, the speckled bird represents the Bible, and when the Savior returns from heaven, "I'll joyfully be carried to meet him on the wings of the great speckled bird." The theme of rejection followed by salvation is the subject of numerous bluegrass religious songs of the last century, and represents an enduring message of bluegrass religion and music.

# Waiting For God?

#### **By THOMAS F. REESE**

It is late at night. A young child crawls into bed with his parents. He cannot sleep, he tells his father, because what he expects is a nuclear war which will destroy the world.

What do we await? During this season of Advent, do we expect the Christ; or do we just *feel* expected to? We bemoan that God does not act now the way God did in ancient biblical times, with awesome displays of power and unmistakable revelations of divine presence.

This is no modern complaint. It is a cry sounded throughout history and recorded in Isaiah 64: "O that you would tear the sky open and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence... There was a time when you came and did these things... But now you have hidden yourself from us and left us to our sins."

Like those ancients, our failure to recognize divine activity makes us wonder about Emmanuel — Is God with us? Peculiarly modern, we then go on to doubt all we have ever heard about God and to question whether God actually exists.

In our world, maybe even in our time, what we expect is tribulation without triumph: a possible end of life; a probable absence of The Son of Man come in glory. In those days the sun will be darkened, the moon will not give its light, the stars will be falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken... period!

In our age of the hiddenness of God, we see these signs of the times. However, we absent ourselves from reality and, thereby, hide from God. Advent devolves into routine preparation for the birth of the Christ child while little is seriously undertaken to secure the life of that Christ-like child who cannot sleep. We have a crisis of faith for which we blame the God who does not stand out or the times that are so hard. In either case, we lament that we do not have what it takes to call on God or sing the child to sleep.

Nevertheless, the apostle Paul does not let us off so easily: "You are not lacking in any spiritual gifts, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 1:7).

As we wait during this Advent -a season, a lifetime - what should we expect? What is this waiting?

Take heed, Watch; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey. He loses his way in the forest; it is dark and he is afraid. Danger lurks behind every tree. A storm shatters the silence. The fool looks at the lightning; the wise man at the road which lies — illuminated — before him.

Take heed; watch. Allow the signs of

journey in Christ. Respond to wh happening; come out of spiritual hi You have your questions about Goc what happened back in Bethlel Good. Our own questions often set t the road sooner than someone else' swers. You have your doubts abou second coming of Christ? Then dc take it for granted. Instead, take watch. Journey in this life with your open; and with your life reveal the of Bethlehem and the hope of the se coming.

Remember, you are in good com with the prophet Isaiah when you God might not be answering your ers. Besides, maybe he is not. It m he is too busy preparing you to b answer to somebody else's prayer.

Advent — our waiting for God? God is here. God is waiting for us!

# Advent Meditation

### By WILLIAM J. GERHART

O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.

O come, Desire of nations, bind In one the hearts of all mankind; Bid thou our sad divisions cease And be Thyself our King of Peace.

Lord, the hearts of all mankind are anything but one. Everyone is divided ... the world, nations, cities, neighborhoods, families ... even your body the church is divided — and that must really hurt you, Lord.

But how in the world can we cure our major problems when we have so much inner turmoil? How can we take the splinter out of our brother's or sister's eye when we ourselves are blinded by logs in our own? How dare we ask you to bind up nations and churches when we *ourselves* refuse to be bound up? How can we bind things up? How dare I ask these things, Lord?

There are so many things in my life that I haven't done. There are things I have wanted to say, but have never said them. There are people to whom I wanted desperately to express my love, but they have never received it. There are quarrels I had but have never mended ... wrongs I haven't made right ... talents that you gave me and I've never used them....

Lord, your birthday is coming so

The Rev. William J. Gerhart is rector of St. James Church, Edison, N.J. fast and we are so ill prepared. O hearts are full of other things.

We may not have another chance do the things we *need* to do to prepa our hearts. Your word tells us th "now is the accepted time; *now* is t day of salvation."

We have refused your authority lo enough, Lord. How can our divisio cease when we don't submit to t authority of the Prince of Peace?

Lord, help us to use this Advent the right way. Help us to use *today* prepare for you.

You came to bind up our wound our broken hearts, so we can become one — with each other — and model importantly, with you.

We are Israel. *I* am Israel. I a Israel, torn apart by war, fear, desparebellion, and all manner of dis-ease am Israel who is divided from 1 brothers and sisters in Christ. I a Israel divided and hurt by my or pride, sinfulness, selfishness, a greed. I am Israel, torn apart by t little deaths of lack of kindness, la of love, lack of appreciation. I am ca tive, broken, divided, uneasy, at-v Israel.

Lord Jesus, I need you this Chri mas. O come, bind me, Israel, 1 Make me one with my neighbors a with you.

Behold, I bring you good tidings great joy which shall be to you and people. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emman shall come to *thee*, ) Israel! For un you is born a Savior who is Christ Lord. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emman shall come to thee, O Israel!

The Rev. Thomas F. Reese is rector of St. Paul's Church, Albany, N.Y.

# JIORIALS

# Christmas

<sup>•</sup> guest editorial this week is by the Rev. William uar, rector of Emmanuel Church, LaGrange, Ill.

actically every product advertized on television is 'new and improved." Whether it is toothpaste, fast cereal or automobiles, new is better. That is it came as such a refreshing surprise when the Coke" was soundly rejected by so many. The was international when someone in high places to improve this most American of all drinks. A chorus stretching from Zanzibar to Hong Kong, eenland, to New Zealand intoned, "We want the bke back." The old Coke was brought back, and it good.

s strange and amusing episode is actually a wonlly hopeful sign. That so many should be so y concerned about a soft drink and that the upwhich they so spontaneously created could bring a reversal of direction so quickly, should fill us great elation. Perhaps we can do something after out things that matter to us. The dogma that new ster has been successfully challenged, and that ne to my point.

ould like everyone who reads this article to join a s and shout one clear message, "We want the old tmas back!" The new Christmas begins just belalloween with its cheap tinsel and canned carols ing in on the Church Year before the leaves have begun to fall. Never has a holy day been so comy taken over by commercial interests as Christias in our time; and the churches have not helped , either. All Advent is, nowadays, is purple vestand somber lessons. The real message has been n the din of choir parties, church school staff is, children's Christmas parties, all long before nber 25.

o not like the new and improved Christmas. Most e are so exhausted by the time the real day comes hey are glad to have it over. New Year's Day has d to have religious significance, and Epiphany is a dant drag observed only by the few. We cannot surselves. The human capacity for celebration has fully drained.

's get the old Christmas back. It runs deep, and it ters to the spirit. It gives us a sense of human . That God should take our humanity upon himo be born of a virgin, and yet to be like us, gives our lives special significance. It makes our lives The old Christmas gives meaning to the human gle for peace. It gives meaning to our tangled

istmas is candle light, not neon. It is the song of igels, not the blast of omni-present canned music. time with family members, friends, with the t Child himself. It brings serenity, not exhausgood will, not greed. We will not find the peace asses understanding at the bargain counter or at ffice party. When it comes to Christmas, new is etter. Between now and December 25, let's create an uproar. Let's sound off and speak up. The millions who liked the old Coke did it. We number in the millions, too. Let's hear it for Christmas. We want the old Christmas back!

# **Cards for Christmas**

It is not yet Christmas, but it is certainly in the full season for Christmas cards, and most of us are still hastily buying and addressing them. As Christians, let us make it our business to choose cards that really have to do with the birthday of our Savior.

In some stores this is not easy to do. We find ourselves overwhelmed with shelves of cards showing dogs, holly boughs, horsedrawn sleighs, and scenes that relate to the America of Currier and Ives or to the England of Dickens, rather than either to the Palestine of Jesus or to the timeless Christian message.

Still, if we keep looking, we usually can find some cards of the right sort. It adds to the pleasure of shopping to have a goal to pursue in the middle of a sea of the trivial and mediocre. And it certainly adds to the pleasure of sending and receiving Christmas cards to have ones which do, in some measure, express the meaning of the feast.



# BOOKS

#### **Fascinating Art Form**

FLOWERS IN CHURCH. By Jane Taylor. Morehouse-Barlow. Pp. xi and 161. \$8.95 paper.

Jane Taylor's *Flowers in Church* is now available in America, as Morehouse-Barlow has recently published a paperback edition of this classic English handbook on church flowers. Richly illustrated with color photographs and drawings, a variety of mechanics are demonstrated and explained. Ms. Taylor's simple directions are especially valuable.

First time flower arrangers will find a detailed, step-by-step approach to this fascinating art form. Experienced enthusiasts will find themselves challenged and inspired.

Flowers are listed according to color. Any special treatment required is clearly outlined. Not least, the religious symbolism of particular blossoms and plants is explained. Long lasting flowers are noted and there is a valuable discussion about the preparation and use of dried materials.

A wonderful chapter urges the planning and execution of flower festivals which should capture the attention of many altar guilds. Flower festivals and flower workshops have, for generations, been an integral part of English village and church life. Ms. Taylor will inspire many in this country to become aware of an important aspect of our Anglican heritage.

Flowers for Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost are suggested as well as flowers to be used generally during the liturgical year. It should not be forgotten that flower arranging can become a rewarding aspect of the spiritual life, a special way of offering a special talent to the glory of God.

There is something for everyone in this book, a must for the library of any altar guild. It should be among the personal books of any member. *Flowers in Church* will be a much appreciated Christmas gift.

MRS. FRANK M. McCLAIN Winnetka, Ill.

### Separation of Church and State

TO SECURE THE BLESSINGS OF LIBERTY: American Constitutional Law and the New Religious Movements. By William Shepherd. Crossroad and Scholars Press. Pp. 155. \$9.95.

Professor William C. Shepherd, University of Montana, author and religion scholar, died in 1982, leaving a book on American constitutional law and the new religious movements incomplete. His wife, Molly R. Shepherd, a practic-

ing attorney, took up where he left off to finish this excellent study of how law separates church and state in America.

The book clearly and professionally traces the development of American law chiefly under the free exercise clause of the First Amendment and the privileges and immunities, due process and equal protection clauses of the 14th Amendment. It also sets out the limits on "deprogramming" individuals converted to unpopular religions.

Concern is expressed regarding an apparent swing back in certain 1982-83 Supreme Court decisions towards narrowing the separation of church and state, but since the book's publication, four recent decisions, some with strong dissents, seem to indicate the court's desire to hold to the traditional line.

This is an authoritative, reference work, which should be in every church library.

> PHILIP ARDERY Louisville, Ky.

### **Growing Eucharistic Consensus**

THE SUPPER OF THE LORD: The new Testament, Ecumenical Dialogues, and Faith and Order on the Eucharist. By John Reumann. Fortress Press. Pp. xiv and 225. No price given, paper.

As might be suggested by the title, this work was written by someone deeply involved with the ecumenical movement, both officially and in terms of personal commitment. Essentially it is an in-depth analysis of the background, development, and struggle concerning eucharistic interpretation within the "World Ecumenical Context," and in this analysis Professor Reumann is an expert.

The book itself has two main divisions: the first concerns the Biblical and historical roots of eucharistic doctrine and hermeneutics (chapters 1 and 2). As a New Testament scholar, the author is at his best in that area, given the limitations necessary in covering such a broad field in such a short survey.

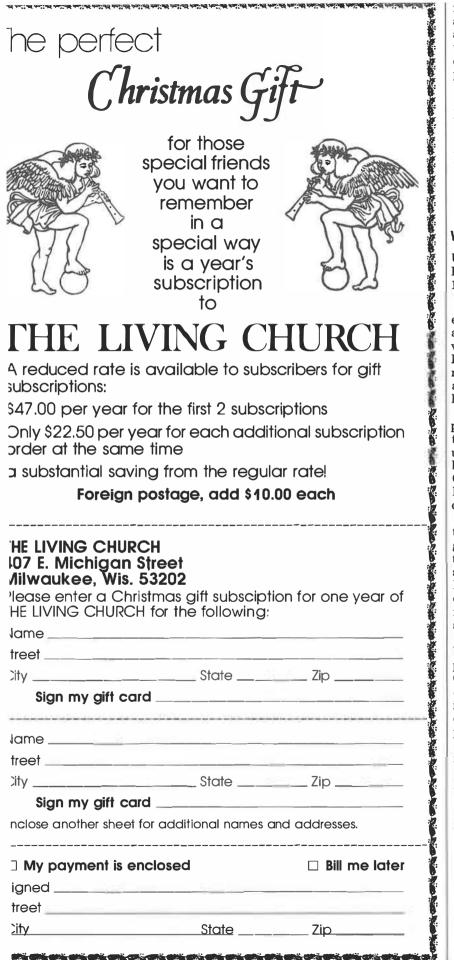
His liturgical and historical examples and conclusions are less impressive (as is suggested by the sparse and dated bibliographies for these chapters).

The second division concerns the ecumenical dimension and covers 60 percent of the book. It is a fascinating and very informative study. The *terminus ad quem* is the "Baptism, Eucharist, and Ministry" document issued in 1982 by the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches, meeting in Lima, Peru. Within the context of this section, Professor Reumann's criticisms and suggestions are incisive, sympathetic and constructive, and his last chapter of "Conclusions and Comments" is pertinent and challenging.

This is not an easy book to read, mostly because it contains so much in-

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formation in a relatively small scope, but also because the lack of footnotes (they are incorporated in brackets and parentheses within the paragraphs) makes easy reference to citations virtually impossible.

An extended bibliography would have been immensely helpful, too. These, however, are minor criticisms for such a useful work. Anyone who would like to "catch up" on his ecumenical homework would be well advised to include this book.

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# PEOPLE and places

#### Deaths

The Rev. James Ross Flucke, vicar of St. Paulinus, Watseka, Ill., died unexpectedly at the age of 42 on February 28.

Ordained for only four years, Fr. Flucke nevertheless had a full ministry, having been associate of St. Anskar's, Rockford, Ill., from 1981 to 1984 when he became vicar of St. Paulinus, Watseka. A graduate of the State University of New York at Albany and of Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, Fr. Flucke is survived by his wife, Gloria, and two sons.

The Rev. Harold W. B. Nickle, assistant rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Corpus Christi, Texas, died on October 9 at the age of 69.

Fr. Nickle was a native of Canada: he attended the University of Toronto for both his B.A. and M.A. and Wycliffe College for his theological studies. He spent virtually his entire ministry in the Diocese of West Texas, having been called to Annunciation. Luling, Texas in 1950 from the Diocese of Niagara where he was ordained. In 1952 he became rector of Epiphany in Kingsville, Texas; and in 1957 he was named rector of Trinity, San Antonio, where he remained until 1982. Since 1982 Fr. Nickle had been serving as assistant at Good Shepherd, Corpus Christi. He was the senior clergyman - both canonically resident and active - of his diocese. Well known for his storehouse of factual knowledge about church history and for his wit, he reportedly ended all staff meetings with, "Remember, we've got to work today to beat hell."

The Rev. Frederick W. Trumbore, retired priest of the Diocese of Bethlehem and associate at St. Stephen's, Whitehall Township, Allentown, Pa., died at the age of 83 on September 2 in the home of his daughter, Ann Ream of Alburtis, R.I.

A 1925 graduate of Lehigh University and a 1928 graduate of Philadelphia Divinity School, Fr. Trumbore was rector of St. Paul's, Troy and St. James, Canton, both in Bradford County, Pa., from 1928 to 1933. For the next 36 years — until his retirement in 1969 — he served as rector of St. Clement's Church, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. In the Diocese of Bethlehem, he was dean of the Scranton convocation and a member of several diocesan commissions. He had been associated with St. Stephen's, Whitehall, for the past 14 years. His wife, Leah, preceded him in death. Fr. Trumbore is survived by a son, the Rev. Frederick Ruhe Trumbore, of Luray, Va., as well as his daughter, Ann, eight grandchildren and two greatgrandchildren.

#### Correction

The Rev. Colin Campbell, Jr., who died Sept. 10, was 54 years old, not 74 as was reported [TLC, Dec. 1].

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