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Quote of the Week

The Rt. Rev. Peter J. Lee, Bishop of Virginia, on issues of sexuality: "The small Episcopal Church in the United States is not going to resolve issues regarding the place of gay and lesbian persons in our life when the society at large is wrestling with these enormously complex issues."

In This Corner

The Numbers Tell a Different Story

For the past 25 years, the Rev. Charles R. Wilson of Arvada, Colo., has been analyzing statistical patterns and trends of the Episcopal Church. Fr. Wilson, who operates CRW Management Services, doesn't believe those reports that the church is going down the tubes, and in his recently published Trends Update, which analyzes statistics from 1983 to 1995, he refutes some myths. Here are a few examples:

1. Congregations have severely cut back on their support of the dioceses; thus the dioceses can no longer support the national church as they once did.

Actually, Fr. Wilson reports, congregational support of the diocese has been increasing every year, and at a rate that is far ahead of inflation. "The cutback in support of the general church program is rooted in diocesan, not parochial, priorities," he

2. People are leaving the Episcopal Church in droves.

Using average Sunday attendance as his basis, rather than baptized membership, Fr. Wilson's findings indicate that average Sunday attendance has increased by 22 percent over 21 years. For the past 10 years, it has remained steady at about 1.1 million. Those numbers are based on the four Sundays included on the church's parochial report form, and include Easter Day.

"Baptized membership is not a very good indicator of much," Fr. Wilson said. "Average Sunday attendance is a much better gauge of the energy in the church."

Just for the record, the *Trends Update* reports "the down trend in baptized membership appears to have bottomed out in 1989 (2.43 million). Since then it has been creeping back up."

3. The money is drying up.

Statistics provided by Fr. Wilson indicate plate and pledge receipts have increased 88 percent over the past 12 years, and total operating revenues were up 84 percent during the same period. And what about inflation?, you ask. The author claims these figures are better than 30 points ahead of inflation for those 12 years.

Trends Update also reports per member giving is highest in dioceses in the Southeast and South Central U.S., and lowest in the Northeast. It also lists the average clergy salary (stipend and housing) in 1995 was more than \$47,000, an increase of 80 percent in 12 years.

The numbers, and other statistics in Fr. Wilson's report, are hopeful, but not yet cause for celebration. Many will point out that the number of communicants has dropped steadily during those 12 years, and that the baptized membership figures probably were inflated before they began to drop. There are reasons to be optimistic, but let's wait until after the next two General Conventions before proclaiming the church as healthy.

David Kalvelage, editor

Sunday's Readings

God's Will as a Plumb Line

Pentecost 8: Amos 7:7-15; Ps. 85 or Ps. 85:7-13; Eph. 1:1-14; Mark 6.7-13

The great European cathedrals of the medieval age must rank among the most impressive of human constructions. The achievement of their architects and builders is all the more awe inspiring when we realize that they had minimal technology. Their primary tools were little more sophisticated than squares, calipers and plumb lines.

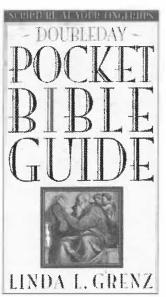
The use of a plumb line, such as that found in the lesson from Amos, allowed the builders of the cathedrals first to lay a strong foundation buried deep in the earth, with each great foundation stone laid precisely on the one below it. Then, above ground, each successive great stone was laid to form the walls, buttresses and pillars. Without accurate use of a plumb line, the cathedral would be subject to collapse.

God's message entrusted to Amos, which he is to deliver to the people of Israel, is that their actions are being measured against the unchanging and unchangable plumb line

A people whose deeds and inclinations are not in accord with the will of God is in danger of imminent collapse. God sends the message of his plumb line through Amos to the wayward king Jeroboam, but Jeroboam is unwilling to hear it, and later he comes to disaster.

But to those who do hear and heed the message, proclaimed by the 12 in the gospel lesson, received by the Ephesians in the epistle, the message is not one of danger or rebuke but of grace, peace and blessing. The psalm says it all in one verse: "I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him."

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What Is Actually Blessed

The Viewpoint question [TLC, June 15] is timely: "Should the Church Bless Committed Same-Sex Couples?" The choice of words, however, is unfortunate.

In the marriage service the officiating priest blesses two human beings, as in "pour out the abundance of your blessing upon this man and this woman" (p. 430) or "send therefore your blessing upon these your servants" (p. 431).

The wording of the question leads the Rev. David Scott to repeat the error throughout his response, as in "when the church blesses the new marriages of divorced persons" and "to bless same-sex unions."

Thus, it should be stated again that what is actually blessed in the normal marriage ceremony is not the couple, not even the marriage itself, and certainly not the sexual practices of the two individuals, but rather two children of God entering into a covenental relationship.

(The Rev.) Nathaniel Pierce Cambridge, Md. Dean Northup shunned "a definitive biblical or theological perspective." Thus what followed cannot bear on what Christ's church should do. Having removed the legs from the "three-legged stool," he sits miraculously suspended in mid-air.

The biblical and theological witnesses are unambiguous, both implicitly in their teaching on the nature of sexuality and explicitly in their teaching about same-sex intercourse. We cannot change it, even if an apostle or angel were to proclaim otherwise, much less a cathedral dean.

The dean says, "leave sex out of it." Very well. Committed, meaningful relationships with others are not immoral if we "leave sex out of it." It is not improper to bless chaste friendships, both "same sex" and "opposite sex." He has not left sex out of it.

Contrary to the dean's implication, meaningful relationships are possible without having sex. Jesus set that example for us in his relationships. But the dean

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does not propose the blessing of chaste friendships; he does not propose that we "leave sex out of it." He is not discussing blessing "same-sex friendships." If this were the case, why not just bless all manner of friendships and really "leave sex out of it?"

> (The Rev.) Kenneth Peck Dallas, Texas

I read with interest, if not surprise, the article by David Scott, While I fundamentally disagree with Dr. Scott on many points in the article, what troubles me the most is the dangerous rhetoric that is employed. This is harmful and dangerous manipulation of scripture, doctrine and pastoral discipline that can potentially result in hurt and trauma to people who are members of the body of Christ — like

Some of the many possible examples include:

1. "We know the rites intentionally exclude a vow to life-long union." This is a very specious argument. Which rites? All same-sex union rites? Not so. Not all the rites I have seen. Just as some Christian heterosexual couples make vows that exclude life-long commitment (to my dismay) does not mean that we should campaign against heterosexual marriage.

2. Dr. Scott is appropriately keen on scriptural witness. Where, then, does scripture discuss homosexuality apart from either idolatry or violence? Dr. Scott should heed the admonitions in Deuteronomy and Revelation against misusing God's word.

3. Procreation — a very poor argument. I suggest that the author read the Pauline corpus.

> (The Rev.) Albert Scariato St. John's Church, Georgetown Washington, D.C.

It couldn't be more telling: Dean Northup bases his views on an experience with a kindly gay vestryman; Fr. Scott, on scripture, tradition and reason. Does it take a judge from the Righter court to see which is truer to "Anglican" moral reasoning?

> (The Rev. Canon) Chuck Collins Albuguergue, N.M.

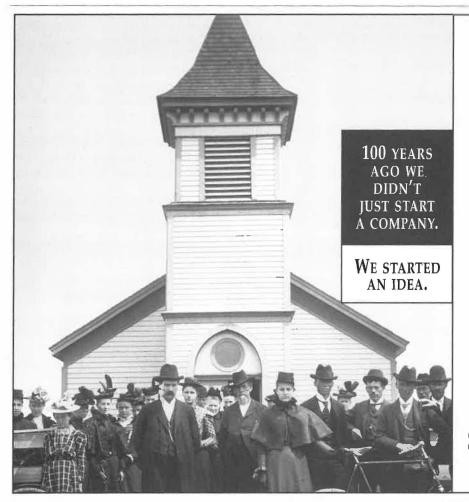
What troubles me most about the Rev. David Scott's article about same-sex unions is the lack of pastoral concern for human beings who are homosexual. Prof. Scott argues from a biblical, marriage and ecumenical point of view. We are debating about real, warm-bodied human beings who are homosexual. They are not concepts; they are people.

I invite Prof. Scott and his followers to have dinner with some gay couples, go on a picnic with some lesbian couples, or baptize the babies of homosexual couples. I suspect doing theology with the people involved in the same-sex issue will warm and deepen his theological concerns.

(The Rev.) Robert Warren Cromey San Francisco, Calif.

Marred Image

It is amazing to watch Mr. Rehill set up a ridiculous Straw Man to knock down to justify homosexual ordination [TLC, June 8]. He states, "In the final analysis, those who would deny ordination to non-celibate homosexual persons would do so based upon their conclusion that homo-



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sexuality is a sin and that no sinner should be ordained."

This is a ridiculous statement, one which no honest traditionalist would hold. Yes, homosexual activity is a sin despite the attempts of modernist faux-biblical scholarship to state otherwise. But it is not sin that makes one ineligible for ordination: We all sin and fall short of the glory of God. It is unrepentant sin which makes one ineligible — unrepentance through hardness of heart or being in a state of denial concerning clear biblical revelation.

Yes, God created us in his image, but that image is marred through sin which distorts our ability to follow him completely, and makes us attempt to justify sinfulness rather than repent.

> (The Rev.) Steven J. Kelly, SSC St. Mary's Church Charleroi, Pa.

It is nothing short of astounding to read the shallow sophistry with which Mr. Rehill seeks to license sodomy and other forms of homosexual behavior in the Episcopal Church. His narrow and twisted legalisms conveniently ignore the fact that for the past 2,000 years the Christian church has taught that any kind of promiscuous sexual behavior is sinful (a concept fast disappearing in an increasingly "therapeutic" church). Not only is such behavior a violation of the first commandment, but it is also dangerous. He is right in observing that no one is without sin, but there is always contrition and sincere repentance.

In addition, nowhere in the whole transcript of the Righter decision is the word "heresy" used except by Mr. Rehill and his client.

Christ indeed associated with the outcasts of society, but never at any point did he condone their behavior.

Bruce P. Flood, Jr. Whitewater, Wis.

A Bad Decision

In all the heated discussions and concerns being voiced prior to General Convention, by far the most serious is the one not getting the attention it deserves given the severe potential consequences. The acceptance of the Concordat of Agreement with Lutherans will without a doubt dissolve our cherished claim to apostolic succession (as defined in *The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church* and *The Modern Catholic Dictionary*). In an activated Concordat, we are told that receiv-

ing Holy Communion celebrated by a Lutheran minister has the same validity and efficacy as from an Episcopal priest, and yet that minister has not had sacramental ordination, laying on of hands by a bishop in historic holy orders, and certainly denies the 2,000-year expression of the Church Catholic regarding the three-fold apostolic ministry.

We have a fine model for ecumenism in the modern age as defined in the Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral and that is now being ignored. I resent the acceptance by some in our church of the continental reformers' definition of apostolic succession. Catholic theology holds that the outward and visible sign is essential to the sacramental nature of the church and sacraments. Apostolic succession is expressed through the historic episcopate which in turn is further empowered by the holy scriptures and the Holy Spirit within that vital ecclesiastical tradition.

The underestimation of the serious results of an approved Concordat is a sure sign of the evil forces at work in our church. We are at the brink of permanent division from the vast majority of the

world's Christians. We will cease to be the church to which many priests like me have converted and from which we received the sacrament of apostolic holy orders. But, alas, the focus of concern these days seems to be in other people's bedrooms instead of diverting the apostasy which the Episcopal Church is about to enter if the Concordat is accepted.

(The Rev.) Mark D. Stuart Mobile, Ala.

Predictions

It looks to this cradle Episcopalian that General Convention will approve communion with the Lutherans, give us another white, middle aged, liberal, male P.B. (so much for "diversity"), force dioceses to accept women priests, and incrementally permit homosexual priests and "marriages." None of this will surprise me since it follows from modern theology. (Let us pray for a Red Sea miracle.)

While not enough of a theologian to identify where we have gone wrong, I am reminded of a cartoon I have seen more than once. A mathematician surrounded

by walls of formulae slaps his head at the realization he had goofed, at the beginning. We today experience the *reductio ad absurdum* of modern theology: God-fearing members end up feeling quaint, while former outcasts are warmly embraced.

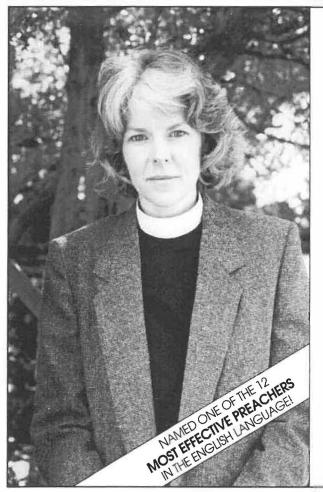
Many third-century Romans were distressed by the influx of Barbarians into society. We too have welcomed into our midst the very elements which shall destroy our unique communion. Most Romans did not understand what had gone wrong, but still knew something must have because sometimes res ipsa loquitor ("the thing speaks for itself").

Ric Strafford Fort Collins, Colo.

Stand Firm

With the talk about General Convention and the changes proposed, I feel a need to write. God does not change. Times change, people change, but our living God remains the same. Do we take away from or add to his word? Do we make up our own rules or conform to his way?

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change. I say no. We must pray and we must ask God his will. And we must stand firm. Satan is alive and well. He wants to see the church divide and fight among ourselves. We cannot do this. We must stand together. We must not listen to those who would throw doubt into our minds. I pray that we can work with those who will try to forge a fast path to changes in helping them to find God's will, but we cannot deviate. I pray our leaders will vote to stand the course at present.

Sandra Small Burlington, N.C.

Better Informed

As a lay deputy to General Convention, the influx of mail has been sizable. It seems that every conceivable issue and viewpoint comes to my mailbox and, if past years are an indication, there will be telephone calls soon.

This is not all bad because it allows the conscientious deputy to become better informed and to identify particular issues of greatest interest to him/her and to the diocese.

A great danger I have seen and experi-

enced at past General Conventions is that of the convention sometimes seeming to believe that it is *the* church. It is not. It is my prayer that I will always be mindful of all those Episcopalians in the pews of our churches across the country. Despite the semantics of deputy (we are) vs. delegate (we are not), we are called to serve the best interests of the church, seeking to know God's will, in as an objective fashion as we can.

Some of the probable headline issues at Philadelphia — ordination, inclusive language, peace and justice, the Concordat, same-sex unions, funding, structure — will demand that we put personal agendas aside and consider our actions' effects on the whole church.

Bob G. Rogers Lexington, Ky.

How to Enforce

Recently I was provided with a copy of a statement in the record of the Committee for Dialogue on Title III, Canon 8, section 1, of General Convention, which has proposed amendments to remove obstacles to the ordination of women [TLC, June 29]. The statement is as follows:

"The resolution requires total obedience to the proposed mandatory canons on ordination, licensing and placement, with the understanding that this means that no member of the laity could serve on the Vestry of a congregation, no member of laity or clergy could serve on Standing Committees or Commissions on Ministry, and no bishop could serve in a diocese, unless they would refrain from opposing the ordination or placement of women priests."

If this is what the proposed changes in Canon 8, Canon 16 and Canon 17 mean, they clearly mean something very different from what they say. If the committee means to control or regulate the conduct of lay members of the church by these changes, then it should have proposed to do so by plain language included in the canonical changes. My first problem with the statement is that it is hidden away in the committee's record from which it may be raised at a later date in case the "opposition" to the ordination of women which it prohibits for lay office holders should take place.

But what is the prohibited conduct? Does one who has been elected to a vestry lose the right to serve by casting a vote which is construed as opposition to the ordination of women, such, for example, as a vote to call a male rather than a

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female as rector? By speaking at a diocesan convention or at the General Convention on the subject? How are such offenses to be found out and how is the rule to be enforced in the absence of further changes in the canons?

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> S. Bobo Dean Washington, D.C.

Better Targets

I wish people like June Hurst [TLC, June 8] would remember and observe sev-

eral things. First, that in the matter of human sexuality, there is not a correlation between "practicing" or "non-celibate homosexual" and "promiscuous" or "unchaste." That is equally true for a heterosexual person. I would suggest that Ms. Hurst rather target people regardless of their sexuality who are sexually abusive or predatory or inappropriate in their relationships.

Second, I would suggest that Ms. Hurst not set up one standard for the clergy and another for the laity. She is right, the church is focused on ordinations and "weddings." However, the real focus is baptismal. Whom do we baptize? Whom do we keep in communion within the church? Whom do we turn away from the Lord's table? Userers? Re-married, divorced heterosexuals? Should we excommunicate all of those we think are "non-celibate homosexuals" based on not one word from our Savior when we have discarded the Lord's words in other areas as the times and culture changes? Does Ms. Hurst follow a literal biblical standard as a woman within the church?

If we we would recognize all of the

blessed relationships around us (across the church from the Diocese of New York to the Diocese of Los Angeles) that are built on mutuality, trust, love and justice (regardless of the orientation of those involved), we could then begin to work out a true, just sexual ethic for people trying desperately to live the gospel at the end of this millennium.

> (The Rev.) James A. Newman St. Bede's Church Los Angeles, Calif.

Double Standard?

James H. Crosby's letter [TLC, June 8] will (I hope) bring the spotlight to illuminate what seems to be a cloudy area of the national church's finances, Ellen Cooke to the contrary notwithstanding.

As a parish priest of many years, I seem to recall making out the annual report on a form provided by "815." In those forms there was provision for certifying that an annual audit of all the parish's finances had been made, with the name of the auditing firm (independent of the parish) listed.

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echelons have a double standard for fiscal responsibility? Or are the gifts of its members somehow vacuumed up and unquestionably safe by virtue of the fact the Curia at "815" has possession of and responsibility for them?

Mr. Crosby quoted from the official document by Coopers & Lybrand, so that what he questions was not a figment of his imagination but black and white facts. We would hope the candidates for Presiding Bishop will not feel obliged to continue the "wradition" that seems to have developed in the area of fiscal responsibility.

(The Rev.) Theron R. Hughes Quincy, Ill.

A Bigger Issue

The media-magnified drama of the Oklahoma City bombing trial reminds thoughtful Christians there are other issues beyond homosexuality and other issues debated in TLC: for example, capital punishment. The question about the trial was not its conduct or outcome, but whether or not our society should kill peo-

ple. Should a society that cannot provide adequate education, fix the potholes in the streets, and address other problems for the living have the right of life and death? The sixth commandment says "no," and Jesus upon the cross says "no." We will again crucify our forgiving God when we carry out secular justice on Timothy McVeigh.

Stuart Bamforth New Orleans, La.

Seated

Regarding the letter on fundamentalists [TLC, June 22], believing the Nicene Creed does not make one a fundamentalist. The creed has both literal ("crucified under Pontius Pilate") and symbolic ("seated at the right hand of the Father," they are not sitting on two chairs on a cloud) statements.

Michael Richerson Wichita, Kan.

'Largeness of View'

I appreciated the sketch of Bishop Griswold, the first in a series of sketches of the

Presiding Bishop nominees [TLC, June 8].

Unfortunately, what one sees is, I think, illustrative of the profound theological confusion which is characteristic of many in the Episcopal Church. On the one hand is an attitude of theological relativism combined on the other hand with a totally "unrelativistic" position in some specific areas. For example, the bishop believes that we need a "largeness of view" toward "perspectives of truth" (whatever that may mean), but not when it comes to the ordination of women, which calls for a "normative" position.

As chairman of the Standing Liturgical Commission, he tells us that the SLC has worked for "expanding metaphors and images," i.e., what used to be called "inclusive" language for God, but now in the latest incarnation of newspeak is termed "expansive" language for God. In fact, the proper term for this "expansive" language should be "contractive" language for God. Anyone with access to the internet can read, for example, the proposed Litany. Rather than "expanded" images, the images have been narrowed

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and reduced by the removal of all masculine images/words for God. This contracted language version of the Litany has in fact eliminated such normative scriptural words for God as Father, Son, Lord, King, etc. If the phrase *lex orandi*, *lex credendi* is indeed we, the SLC has committed the Episcopal Church to a modalistic doctrine of the Holy Trinity.

(The Rev.) Winston F. Jensen Dublin, Texas

I am responding to recent articles concerning the sickness in our church and to Bishop Howe's letter about the four Presiding Bishop candidates.

To Bishop Howe's letter, perhaps human cloning has already taken place, not once, but four times from the present!

Concerning the sickness in our church, this is what happens when the corrosive hand of liberalism gets a firm hold on a primate's staff and the clergy and laity become disciples of Neville Chamberlain. Appeasement was a tragedy then and is a disaster today.

(The Rev.) Lester E. York, deacon Warwick, R.I.

The Wrong Word?

Save Our Church (SOC) is an organization within the Diocese of Washington which objected to the recent ordination which your publication reported [TLC, May 4]. We are responding to Bishop Haines' letter [TLC, May 25]. SOC planned to object to the ordination of Albert Scariato to deacon in 1996. A letter was sent to the standing committee. A telephone response from Bishop Haines indicating the candidate was "chaste" was received by SOC. Understanding "chaste" to mean "celibate." SOC faxed a letter withdrawing its objection. No response was received that SOC's understanding was in error.

SOC later learned the bishop may use the word "celibate" or "chaste" to mean "monogamous." Subsequently, the rector of St. John's sent out a letter saying the candidate is "a homosexual living in a committed relationship. He has been honest and forthcoming about his sexuality throughout the discernment process at St. John's and in the diocese. It has not been seen as an issue inhibiting his priesthood."

To SOC's knowledge, "chaste" or monogamous homosexual conduct is not a recognized exception to the traditionally interpreted scriptural law on sexuality. It is also not an exception to the General Convention's resolution recommending against irregular ordinations or the ecclesiastical court's decision in the Righter case saying bishops should refrain from unilateral actions. SOC believes changes in doctrinal practice should first be approved by General Convention.

David R. Bickel Bradley R. Hutt Washington, D.C. Correction: Because of a reporter's error, the name of one of the subjects in the article on interfaith couples [TLC, May 4] was misspelled. The correct name is Kyoko Mary Toyama.

To Our Readers: We welcome your letters to the editor. Each letter is subject to editing and should be kept as brief as possible. Submissions that are typed with double spacing are appreciated and are more likely to be published.

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Sermon: The Rt. Rev'd The Bishop of Quincy Music: Schubert, Mass in G (with orchestra)

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Sunday, 27 July Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Low Mass 8:00 am

HIGH MASS IN THE PRESENCE OF A GREATER PRELATE 10:00 am

Sermon: The Rt. Rev'd John Broadhurst, Lord Bishop of Fulham (Diccese of London) Director of Forward in Faith

Music: Hassler, Missa Octo Vocum

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News

Many Changes Possible After Philadelphia

The well-known W.C. Fields' remark, "On the whole, I'd rather be in Philadelphia," could apply to a substantial number of Episcopalians this month. Thousands of members of the Episcopal Church will converge on the Pennsylvania city July 16-25 for the 72nd General Convention.

Bishops, deputies elected by each of the church's 113 dioceses, alternate deputies, exhibitors, visitors, delegates to Triennial and members of the media will be in Philadelphia for the church's most important gathering, held every three years.

This convention, which has the theme "By Water and the Spirit," will have no shortage of important topics awaiting action. Most notable are the election of a new Presiding Bishop, the Concordat of Agreement with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), whether rites should be developed to bless the relationships of same-sex couples, whether the

ministry of women should be mandatory in every diocese, and whether the structure of the church should be changed.

About 900 deputies and more than 200 bishops will be involved in legislative sessions daily from 10:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. and 2-6 p.m. More than 300 resolutions will be acted upon over the 10-day meeting at Pennsylvania Convention Center. Participants will be involved in smallgroup Bible study and the Eucharist most days at 9:15 a.m. Legislative committee meetings will be held daily at 7:30 a.m. and on some evenings.

Barbara Ogilby, chair of the arrangements committee for the Diocese of Pennsylvania, said more than 1,000 persons have volunteered to help during conven-

The Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Edmond L. Browning, will preside at most sessions of the House of Bishops.

The Rt. Rev. Arthur Williams, Suffragan Bishop of Ohio, is the vice president of that house. Pamela Chinnis of Washington is the president of the House of Deputies, and the Very Rev. George Werner of Pittsburgh is the vice president. The Rev. Donald Nickerson returns as secretary of General Convention.

The opening Eucharist of convention will be Wednesday, July 16, with the Most Rev. Robin Eames, primate of the Church of Ireland, as the preacher and Bishop Browning as the celebrant. The principal Eucharist of convention will be Saturday, July 19, at 2 p.m. with the Most Rev. George Carey, Archbishop of Canterbury, as the preacher and Bishop Browning as celebrant.

P.B. Election

The election of the Presiding Bishop will take place about halfway through the



Carol Highsmith photo, Philadelphia Convention and Visitors Bureau

Most of the activities of General Convention will take place inside the Pennsylvania Convention Center

convention. On Sunday, July 20, five bishops will be officially nominated for election at a joint session of the two houses of convention. They are: the Rt. Rev. Frank T. Griswold, Bishop of Chicago; the Rt. Rev. Robert Rowley, Jr., Bishop of Northwestern Pennsylvania; the Rt. Rev. Richard Shimpfky, Bishop of El Camino Real; and the Rt. Rev. Don A. Wimberly, Bishop of Lexington, all of whom were proposed by the Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop, and the Rt. Rev. Herbert Thompson, Jr., Bishop of Southern Ohio, who will be nominated from the floor.

On the following day, members of the House of Bishops will travel to historic Christ Church, site of the General Convention which elected the first Presiding Bishop, William White, in 1789. There they will vote to determine who will succeed Bishop Browning, who will retire at the end of 1997. Unlike Bishop Browning, who is completing a 12-year term, the next Presiding Bishop will be elected for nine years.

Once one of the candidates receives a majority of the votes, the name of that person will be brought to the House of Deputies for confirmation. The bishops will remain in closed session until the deputies ratify the election. If the deputies do not approve, additional balloting will be done by the bishops. If the deputies confirm the election, the Presiding Bishop-elect will be brought to the House of Deputies to greet that house and Triennial delegates.

The Presiding Bishop-elect is scheduled to preach at the closing Eucharist on Thursday, July 24.

Concordat

The Concordat of Agreement, which would establish full communion with the ELCA, must be adopted by both churches. Under the Concordat, there would be an interchangeability of clergy, but the churches would remain separate bodies. General Convention will be asked to ratify the Concordat or reject it, with no amendments being acceptable. In August, the ELCA's Churchwide Assembly, also meeting in Philadelphia, will have the Concordat on its legislative agenda.

The Episcopal Church is being asked to suspend the preface to the ordination rites, enabling Lutheran clergy who were not ordained through the historic episcopate to have full authenticity in the Episcopal Church, and vice versa. The ELCA will



Other Resolutions

Other significant resolutions which will come before General Convention would, if adopted:

- Revise Title IV of the Constitution and Canons, particularly affecting the discipline of bishops.
 - Create a stipend for the president of the House of Deputies.
- Authorize the readings and psalms from the Revised Common Lectionary for continued trial use.
- Select Denver as the site of the 2000 convention.
- Combine the national church's budgets for program and General Convention.
- Limit the votes in the House of Bishops to active bishops.
- Prohibit members of the clergy from having sex outside marriage.
- Endorse the 30-year early retirement option being offered by the Church Pension Fund.
 - Reduce the size of convention's House of Deputies.
 - Establish a coordinated communications strategy for mission and ministry.
- Extend financial benefits normally provided by the Church Pension Fund to same-sex partners of single employees of the church.
- Grant autonomy to five Central American dioceses as the Anglican Province of Central America.
 - Study the theology and ethics of assisted suicide.
 - Prepare the way for direct ordination to the priesthood.
- Begin the work of revising the Book of Common Prayer for final approval for the convention of 2006.
- Leave the decision on whether to ordain non-celibate homosexual persons to individual dioceses.
- Change the procedure for electing the Presiding Bishop to include members of both houses.
- Apologize on behalf of the church to its members who are gay or lesbian for "years of rejection and maltreatment."
 - Relocate the Episcopal Church Center from New York City.
- Place a moratorium on the church's teaching regarding homosexuality/private conscience.

change the role of its bishops, and accept the historic episcopate.

Same-Sex Blessings

One of the most controversial resolutions will be the one concerning committed relationships between persons of the same sex. The Diocese of Pennsylvania has submitted a resolution which would direct the Standing Liturgical Commission to develop, "after critical study of pertinent rites already in use by faith communities, a rite or rites for the blessing of committed relationships between persons of the same sex, and to present such forms to the 73rd General Convention for inclusion in The Book of Occasional Services." The resolution also is supported by the dioceses of Massachusetts, Newark and Rhode Island, and variations of the legislation have been adopted elsewhere.

The Standing Liturgical Commission

(SLC) had been asked at the 71st General Convention to address the theological foundations and pastoral considerations of such rites, and in its report to convention, mentions the possibility in detail, but the commission did not put forth any resolutions in its 15-page report to convention.

Mandatory Ordinations

Another potentially divisive issue concerns whether the ordination of women to the priesthood and episcopate should be made mandatory in every diocese. At present, the bishops of only four dioceses do not ordain women or permit them to be licensed to function.

The 1994 convention in Indianapolis created a committee to address various matters concerning full access for women to the ordination process. That committee,

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Mandatory Ordinations of Women to Priesthood Among Possible Changes

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reporting to the national Executive Council, has proposed two resolutions for General Convention which would make mandatory the ordination of women. In 1995, the House of Bishops adopted a "mind of the house" resolution that Canon III.8.1 be mandatory in all dioceses of this church.

National Church Structure

The issue of restructure is another of major importance. The Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church has put forward a package of 50 resolutions on restructure. The legislation ranges from calling for the establishment of a chief executive officer to reducing the number of the church's commissions and committees to changing the role of the Presiding Bishop. Many of the resolutions emphasize the role of the diocese, rather than the national church, as the basic unit of the Episcopal Church.

Several elections will take place during convention. The two houses will elect members of Executive Council, trustees of the Church Pension Fund, and trustees of General Theological Seminary. The House of Bishops will elect and the deputies confirm, members of the General Board of Examining Chaplains.

Many Forums

As in the past, forums will be held on some of the evenings during convention. On July 17, a program will be held on spirituality with authors Esther de Waal of Wales, Madeline L'Engle of New York and the Rev. Martin Smith, S.S.J.E., of Massachusetts. Humorist Garrison Keilor will be featured in a forum July 15.

During the evening of July 23, participants can take part in Philadelphia Parkway Night Out, a cultural tour of six local museums.

When adjournment takes place at 6 p.m. Friday, July 25, the church will have a new Presiding Bishop and perhaps a clearer picture of where it's headed as the new millennium draws closer.

The Convention Schedule

Wednesday, July 16: Opening Eucharist

Thursday, July 17: Joint session on Advocacy for Children

Saturday, July 19: Convention Eucharist and UTO Ingathering

Sunday, July 20:

Celebration of Presiding Bishop Edmond Browning's ministry

Monday, July 21: Election of Presiding Bishop

Wednesday, July 23: Pennsylvania Parkway Night Out

Friday, July 25: Final session

Convention Telecasts Made Available

The national church's electronic media office has made plans for three telecasts from General Convention to be broadcast to downlink sites around the country.

Ethan Flad, national satellite downlink coordinator, said access to the programs is free but registration is required so the office can provide transponder information. Mr. Flad's office will work with any group that has the necessary C-band large satellite dish. He is contacting diocesan communications officers to help them establish or locate sites. Many cathedrals are already part of the Episcopal Cathedral Teleconferencing Network sponsored by Trinity Church, Wall Street. Other communities may have sites in university or government offices.

The three programs scheduled are intended to keep church members far from Philadelphia up to date on convention proceedings, and even allow participation in the form of phone-in question-and-answer sessions. The first will take place on Thursday, July 17, from 4-6:30 p.m. EDT, and will be live from the Episcopal Church Women's Triennial forum on "Advocacy for Youth and Children at Risk."

The Saturday, July 19 program, 4-6:30 EDT, will feature highlights from the convention Eucharist, to include the sermon by the Most Rev. George Carey, Archbishop of Canterbury, and updates of legislative actions. Viewers at downlinks

may call in questions.

The third session, Wednesday, July 23, will present the first news conference with the Presiding Bishop-elect, whose selection will take place on Monday, July 21. It will include a legislative review and a phone-in question-and-answer segment. This will air at 6-8 p.m. Eastern time and will be repeated from 10-midnight EDT for western time zone participants.

Mr. Flad stated in a letter, "We are exploring offering a live RealAudio Internet broadcast of each event for people with computers that can use this technology, and who may live far from a downlink site. ... interested persons [should] check the national church's web site at www.DFMS.org for updated news on both RealAudio and downlinking." He also said anyone interested in setting up or finding a site should phone him at a toll-free number: 1-888-965-9659, or e-mail questions to teleconf@dfms.org.



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Great Tradition

As Mayor of Philadelphia, it is my pleasure to welcome the bishops, deputies and delegates to our city for the 72nd General Convention of the Episcopal Church, and the Episcopal Church Women's Triennial, from July 16 to 25.

Philadelphia, the birthplace of the Episcopal Church in America, is proud of its affiliation with the 18th-



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century Episcopalian first family — President George Washington and his wife Martha, 15 Declaration of Independence signers, financier Robert Morris, Betsy Ross, and many other distinguished person-

ages. The Establishment of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the nation grew out of conventions held at Christ Church between 1785 and 1789. The General Convention of 1789 adopted its constitution and its prayer book.

The freedom to worship according to one's conscience has been upheld as one of our precious constitutional rights. The Episcopal Church in America, and in Philadelphia, is part of this great tradition of religious liberty. I hope you will take time to visit many of our historic sites which have links to religious liberty in our city.

My best wishes to you for a successful convention. May you return to your dioceses and towns with pleasant memories of your visit here.

> (The Hon.) Edward G. Rendell Mayor of Philadelphia

Welcome Home

The Diocese of Pennsylvania extends to the General Convention of the Episcopal Church a warm welcome home. Conceived in Philadelphia and given form here in 1789, the General Convention typically met in this city through 1844. The convention has not met here since 1946, however, so it is with special joy that we welcome the assemblage back to its home town.

We also extend special greetings to the Triennial meeting of the Episcopal Church Women, exhibitors and visitors. We invite you to come to know us. The broad diversity represented by the approximately 65,000 baptized members in the 162 congregations of this diocese, whose local saints include William White and Absalom Jones, reveals something of the comprehensiveness of the Episcopal Church. However, it is only in the presence of you, our guests, that we can truly say that "The Whole Church is Here." Greetings in the Name of Christ!

> (The Rt. Rev.) Allen L. Bartlett, Jr. Bishop of Pennsylvania

Editorials

TLC's View of the Issues

Much of the leadership of the Episcopal Church heads to Philadelphia this week for the 72nd General Convention. The bishops and deputies will arrive accompanied by the prayers of thousands who have been involved in a well-organized cycle of prayer in every diocese.

During the past several months, we have tried to focus on the major issues to be addressed by this convention. In many cases we have commented in editorials about those issues, and a plenitude of Viewpoint articles has put into perspective many of the aspects of those issues. As we head into the final days before General Convention, some of the resolutions are deserving of further brief comment:

Concordat of Agreement: The move to full communion with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is worthy of support, even though we may be made uncomfortable by the temporary suspension of the preface to the ordination rites.

Same-sex blessing: As long as scripture fails to support such innovations, we believe it would be a great mistake for the church to permit such blessings to take place. The ordination of non-celibate homosexual persons falls into the same category.

Mandatory ordination of women: While there seems to be great support for the resolutions on this topic, we are hopeful that convention will decide there ought to be a better way. The rest of the Anglican Communion will be watching.

Restructure: Many of the 50 resolutions proposed by the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church are sensible and should have been proposed long ago. The idea of the church having an executive officer who would enable the Presiding Bishop to have a more pastoral ministry is particularly appealing.

Disciplinary canons for bishops: For the most part, the proposed revisions of Title IV add consistency to the current system. But the proposal to add lay persons and clergy to the trial courts of bishops seems unnecessary, and the addition of a process of disassociation makes doctrinal charges against bishops nearly impossible.

This is an important convention, one which has the potential to have great effect on the future of the church. We ask all our readers to pray for the deputies and bishops, that their decisions may be made prayerfully and for the good of the entire church, and that, above all, God's will may be done.

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Hoping to See You

We invite bishops, deputies and visitors to General Convention to stop by TLC's booth in the exhibit area in the Pennsylvania Convention Center. The editor and other TLC staff members will be available at booth 113 to visit with subscribers and friends. Among the joys of General Convention are the opportunities to make new friends and to renew old acquaintances.

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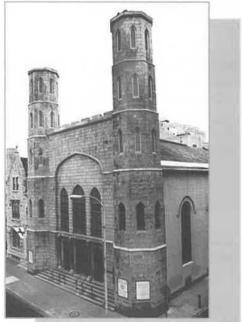
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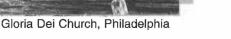
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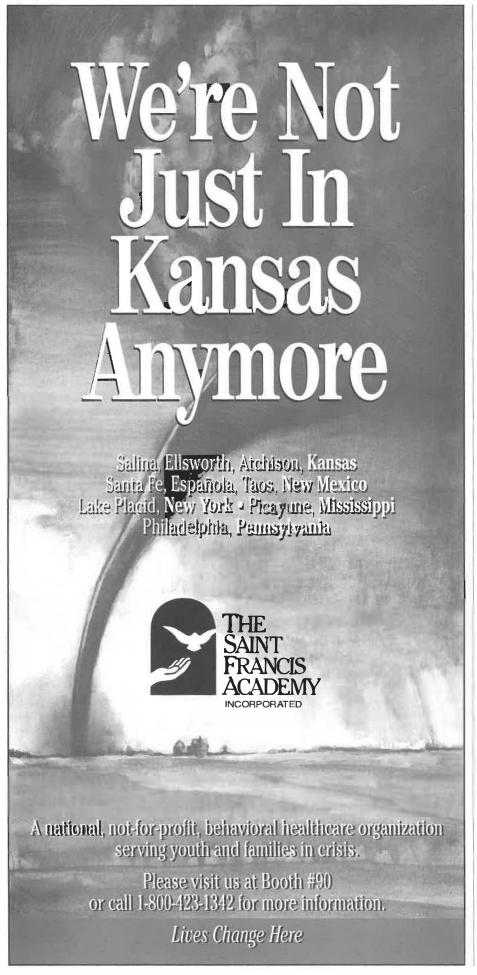
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By W. KURT VON ROESCHLAUB

Sitting on the rude stone foundation of a long-gone oratory, you can see a narrow strip of golden sand that forms the beach at Cannes. It is quiet on the little scrap of land known as St. Honoratus. It is hard to imagine this tiny island as a monastic center that evangelized and settled much of France. From this epicenter of learning, monks brought the saving word of Christ, agricultural training and scholastic enterprise, while they recruited new clergy to build the next generation of the church. Among the island's graduates are Saints Hilary of Arles and Lupus of Troyes. It is suspected by many that Patrick, apostle to the Irish, was taught by monks from this glorious place. One of the most notable inhabitants of these islands gives them their current name, the Isles de Lérins.

St. Vincent of Lérins is best known for writing the Comminitorium sometime before his death in 450. It was a guide for the catholic faith in an age when many competing ideologies attempted to infiltrate Christianity. One of the most remembered and repeated items within his guide was the Vincentian Canon, a statement intended to aid in the identification of Christian truth. He set up a hierarchy of determinants for establishing orthodox Christian teaching. First, he claimed, is the ultimate ground on which Christian truth rests, holy scripture. Only if there are disputes as to meaning of scripture is the authority of the church to be used to assure correct interpretation. This authority was derived from the tradition of the church and was a major consideration in

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determining doctrine. The "canon" was "Quod ubique, quod semper, quod ab omnibus creditum est", or What has been believed everywhere, always, and by all. This trio of universality, location and time was used to distinguish between the true and the false in the tradition of the church.

These ideas are repeated over and over again in the Western Church and appear explicitly in Anglican Bishop John Jewel's great defense of the Church of England, *Apologia Ecclesiae Anglicanae* (1562). They are expanded upon with brilliance by one of the young men he mentored, Richard Hooker (1554-1600), in his *Treatise on the Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity*. These are foundations for the doctrine of our church from the beginning and reach to bedrock in the understanding of the faith in the early and later church.

The Episcopal Church has never been a quiet place. Beyond question we are the rough and tumble carriers of a seldomplacid Christian heritage. Our Mother Church, the Anglican Communion, spent 300 years after separation from Rome in pitched battle over polity, prayer book, liturgy, evangelistic style and social activism. For us in the Episcopal Church to think we own these debates exclusively or undertake them only in our own time would display abysmal ignorance. I consider these internal spats a struggle for the truth which God reveals to his community. This kind of debate compels discussion, sifting of ideas, and reasoned measuring of impact from change delivered to the future church. It is after all the ayes and nays are put to rest that we forge a new pattern for the life of the Episcopal Church. Unfortunately, the arena for our struggle to discover God's call in a rapidly changing world has caused some decisions which concern me.

Cutting Themselves Off?

With each battle and its subsequent fallout, the Episcopal Church has trimmed a variety of groups from its ranks. The arguments I hear claim we have a handful of overly narrow church members who decide to cut themselves off to protect their rigid views. Certainly this has been the accusation lodged against the Prayer Book Society and now focuses on the more conservative bishops in our church. I disagree with this view. Those plotting the course and throwing the switches for both the national church and various dioceses have expressed a cavalier attitude toward the members who have departed



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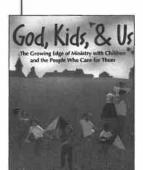
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for more orthodox territory. Indeed there is expressed delight that they are gone. We have a prevailing attitude among the current leadership that those who disagree are best off if they leave.

By the same reckoning, this means the Episcopal Church, if it disagrees with the Church Catholic, could appropriately be asked to withdraw, or be expelled, for holding incorrect doctrine. We are no longer a part of the Christian faith as

understood by the larger body of Christ if we do not use the means for establishing standards Anglicanism false and the entire Western Church have doctrine, used as a guide. We also set a course at with that of the Orthodox to endorse Church. We are heretical, teaching false doctrine, if we move to endorse in our tiny church what the greater church has never entertained. Two church examples currently causing distress are rites blessing samerelationships and rites altering the traditional for-

We are teaching if we move in our tiny church what the greater has never entertained.

mula, "Father, Son, and Holy Spirit." These changes will be discussed at General Convention in Philadelphia. The move has no specific warrant in holy scripture, and it is unmindful of the reference points of the Vincentian Canon. Instead of believing and doing that which has been believed "everywhere, always, and by all," we propose to do that which in the church has been believed nowhere, never and by none.

Yes, like so many of us, I want "no outcasts" - people rejected through hardness of heart, institutional barriers, or lack of inclusive behavior by this wonderful Episcopal Church. Yet neither do I want to be made an outcast from the body of Christ because our attempts at being open hearted breach the rules of Christian living that have guided "all" the faithful "everywhere, always." As convention approaches, pray God grants us the heart and mind to remember we are part of the Church Catholic, even while we decide what is needed for our own church.

Diaconate: Putting Faith Into Action

North American Association for the Diaconate Meets in San Francisco

About 150 deacons and supporters of the diaconate from the United States and Canada, England, Australia, New Zealand, and Germany met for the biennial conference of the North American Association for the Diaconate (NAAD) June 18-22 on the campus of the University of San Francisco. Conference hosts were the deacons of the Diocese of California.

The Rev. William Jones, deacon from Dallas, succeeded Br. Justus Van Houten, SSF, as president of NAAD. Deacon Suzanne Watson of Iowa was elected vice president/president-elect.

Deacons Evangylee Baldwin (Chicago) and Bonnie Polley (Nevada) were elected to four-year terms on the board, as were the Rev. Jeffrey Lee, a priest from Milwaukee, and lay person Ann Pilat of Upper South Carolina.

In other business, members of NAAD



Archdeacon Sykes

resolved to join DIAKONIA, the World Federation of Diaconal Communities and Diaconal Associations, and its regional arm, DIAKONIA of the Americas and the Caribbean.

The association also unanimously passed a resolution

honoring Deaconess Gladys Lucile Hall (Texas), who celebrated her 100th birthday on June 30 and is the senior deacon in the Episcopal Church. Deaconess Hall reads the gospel every Wednesday and Sunday in the nursing home where she resides, and was Presiding Bishop Edmond Browning's Sunday school teacher.

In his keynote address at the conference banquet, the Ven. Peter Sykes, archdeacon of New Zealand, spoke of the unique challenges of ministering in a church organized into three overlapping and interrelated strands: *Pihopitanga o Aotearoa*, the growing Maori church; *Tikanga Pakeha*, the "way of the white people," or traditional Anglican Church; and the missionary Diocese of Polynesia, which encompasses the Pacific islands.

Archdeacon Sykes characterized the diaconate as "informed, intentional, and structured," saying that deacons are serious about learning, passionate about putting their faith into action, and willing to risk offering their service within the structures of the church. Lauding the pioneering work of NAAD, he said "without you I wouldn't be a deacon. I am a fruit of your mission and ministry and you didn't even know it."

Also at the banquet, 17 deacons received awards "in the tradition of St. Stephen," recognizing their ministry and leadership.

NAAD will hold its next biennial meeting in conjunction with the Associated Parishes conference on the ministry of the baptized in the new millennium, to be held June 9-13, 1999, at St. Olaf College near Minneapolis.

There are 1,744 deacons serving in the Episcopal Church and 80 in the Anglican Church of Canada.

The Rev. Rodger Patience, deacon

TLC Convention Staff

Experienced journalists will provide coverage of the 72nd General Convention in Philadelphia for TLC readers. The Rev. Bob Libby, a church communicator of long standing, will report on the House of Deputies as he did in 1994. Fr. Libby, the rector of St. Christopher's Church, Key Biscayne, Fla., will be attending his 10th General Convention, having been a deputy, staff and reporter.

The Rev. Jeffrey Steenson, a former daily newspaper reporter, will cover the House of Bishops. Fr. Steenson, rector of St. Andrew's Church, Fort Worth, covered the same house for TLC at the 71st General Convention in Indianapolis.

TLC editor David Kalvelage will be covering his third General Convention for the magazine after having been a deputy at the previous two conventions. And for staff member Patricia Nakamura, this will be her first General Convention.

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Anglican Province in Europe Eyed

A separate Anglican province in Europe is being discussed by bishops from four jurisdictions. The college of Anglican Bishops in Continental Europe met recently in Worth, England, to discuss such a plan.

The Episcopal Church has a presence in Europe through its Convocation of American Churches in Europe. In addition, the Church of England has a Diocese in Europe. The other jurisdictions are the Spanish Episcopal Reformed Church and the Lusitanian Church (Portugal).

"After several years of growing fellowship we have come to believe that the future will involve the establishment of an Anglican Province of Continental Bishops," said a letter from bishops who attended the conference. "We now seek the support of the 1998 Lambeth Conference in our desire to move toward closer relations with each other as a contribution to the unity of the church as a whole."

The Rt. Rev. Jeffrey Rowthorn, Bishop of the Convocation of American Churches in Europe, was among those who signed the letter. Others were the Rt. Rev. John Hind, Bishop of Gibraltar (Church of England), the Rt. Rev. Lopez Lozano of the Spanish Reformed Church and the Rt. Rev. Fernando Soares, of the Lusitanian Church. The Spanish and Portuguese churches are under the jurisdiction of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Briefly

Some synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) have voted against the Concordat of Agreement with the Episcopal Church in straw polls. The Lutheran, a monthly magazine, reported that as of May 25, 10 synods favored the Concordat and five voted against it.

David T. Harvin of Houston is the first lay person to chair the board of trustees of the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest. Mr. Harvin, an attorney, was elected at the recent meeting of



the board in Austin, Texas. He is a vice chancellor of the Diocese of Texas.



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For my own part
constantly experience a trembling fear,
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like a feather borne on the wind.
Hildegard of Bingen

By LISA NEUFELD THOMAS

While women from the Middle Ages on, such as Hildegard, the 12th-century abbess of Rupertsberg, have composed music and written verse for use in worship, very little of the musical expression of women has been included in mainstream church hymnals. In our own Hymnal 1982, for example, there are fewer than 50 hymns and very few pieces of liturgical music that were either written or composed by women.

By the time of General Convention, however, two publications will be available which will make the music of Hildegard and other women better known and more accessible. Wonder, Love and Praise, the new general hymn supplement published by Church Publishing, Inc. (formerly Church Hymnal Corp.,) contains the original plainsong setting of a Kyrie by Hildegard as well as a simpler adaptation of it that I arranged for congregational use. In addition, Voices Found: An Annotated Bibliography of Mass Settings by Women Composers, contains a listing

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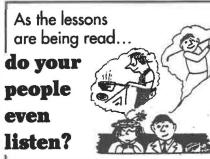
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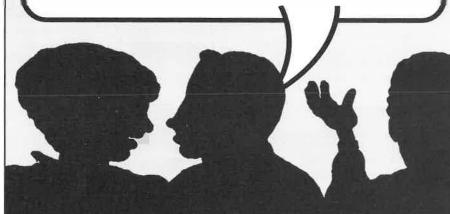
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of more that 70 musical settings of all or parts of the texts of the Mass by women composers from the 12th century to the present. This bibliography, while far from exhaustive, is some of the first fruits of research efforts sponsored by St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia, and the Liturgical Commission of the Diocese of Pennsylva-

Hildegard's Kyrie and a verse from the Gloria in excelsis composed by Marianna Martinez, an 18th-century Viennese composer, will be sung by St. Mark's Lady Chapel Singers as part of the music before the liturgy at the convention session on July 22.

To make more music by women easily accessible to the church and to encourage more women composers and poets to write for the church, a resolution will be introduced at the convention calling for a further hymnal supplement. It will be asked that the Standing Commission on Church Music be directed to prepare a supplement which emphasizes liturgical music, hymns and other songs by women composers and poets, both historical and contemporary. Texts and music will be included which celebrate the contributions of women in scripture, women saints and women in the church throughout the ages. This will help address a need for the voice of women in music, liturgy and prayer that has become apparent in the past few years, in Philadelphia as well as in other places.

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In keeping with its tradition, St. Mark's celebrates the Holy Eucharist at least once every day; in acknowledgment of the Spirit's continuing movement, about three years ago we began to use the authorized

inclusive language at our Tuesday evening Mass once a month. I was asked to provide music for this service. Since the objective of the experimental liturgy was to encourage the fuller participation of women in liturgical worship and its leadership, it seemed that it would be helpful to emphasize music by women composers. All people need role models as they undertake new responsibilities, and the composition of liturgical music is one important form of leadership in worship. Thus, I looked through The Hymnal 1982 with an eye for women's names at the bottom of each page. Unfortunately I found there were no musical settings of the eucharistic texts by women composers, and very few hymn tunes. We would have to look further.

Disappointed but undaunted and true to my roots in music history, I set out for the libraries at my alma mater, Bryn Mawr College. I was warmly welcomed by Donna Fournier, music librarian at the Haverford College Music Library, which now serves both schools. There I made my first discovery — a setting of the Kyrie by Hildegard of Bingen, the 12thcentury abbess, writer and composer. What a wonderful piece it is, with its soaring melismas and surprising cadences! At St. Mark's we are blessed with professionally trained singers in the choir and in the clergy, so we were able to use the chant in worship quite beautifully. However, simpler settings of the texts of the ordinary were still needed for congregational use.

Networking phone calls eventually led me to Sr. Helena-Marie, CHS, at the Office of Women in Mission and Ministry at the Episcopal Church Center in New York. She sent us a setting of the Trisagion and the Sanctus she had written, as well as a setting of the Gloria by Sister Elise, CHS. Finally we had music by women composers that a small congregation could sing.

Mass Settings

Encouraged by this success, we continued both library and networking research. The Liturgical Commission of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, chaired by the Rev. Frank Harron, sponsored this effort, and together with St. Mark's vestry, raised funds for research that would lead to the production of the annotated bibliography of Mass settings by women that we have entitled Voices Found. In it are listed more that 70 settings of the Mass, both historical and contemporary, which we have located in libraries throughout the country. It has been fascinating to discover that women composers have been writing for the church in a wide range of styles throughout the centuries.

Hildegard is the earliest known woman composer of music for the Mass whose work has survived. In addition to her settings of the Kyrie, she wrote many antiphons, sequences, and hymns for her sisters in religion to sing. She wrote in an elaborate plainsong style which burst the restraints of standard Gregorian chant. While Hildegard was able to write with the blessing of the church hierarchy, women composers of later centuries were prohibited from writing Mass settings.

From more recent times, we located

settings of the Mass by many American composers. Amy Beach, a 19th-century self-taught Bostonian, wrote a large-scale choral Mass in E-flat. African-American women such as Margaret Bonds, Margaret Harris-Schofield, Betty Jackson King, Lena McLin, Zenobia Powell, and Mary Lou Williams have all written music for the Mass. In Philadelphia, Francis McCollin, a blind woman organist and composer, wrote a Mass for the Feast of St. Mary in 1918.

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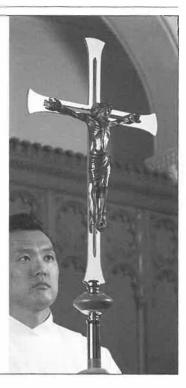
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e Episcopalians like to think of ourselves as a church that can accommodate a wide variety of people and a broad spectrum of views. We see this as part of the Anglican ethos. Eccentric clergy and even the occasional "heretic-in-residence" have been tolerated with equanimity as part of the price we pay for our heritage.

We have not always been as aware as we should of the necessary counterpoise that makes such tolerance possible. I refer to the great majority of Episcopalians who shared in large measure common beliefs about doctrine, ethics, worship and church order. This stable central core community provided the environment in which the eccentric could flourish and was a necessary precondition for

Back in the 1960s Bishop James Pike was a maverick bishop who caused quite a stir, but we survived it. Some people, but by no means all, thought that such a gadfly made people think and in the long run strengthened orthodoxy by forcing it to respond to challenges.

creative tension between the

But try to imagine what it would have been like if there had been 50 bishops like Bishop Pike and one of them was Presiding Bishop. We would not have survived that in the 1960s.

The state of the Episcopal Church today is not exactly like that hypothetical situation, but there are similarities. The level of idiosyncratic behavior has grown to such a degree and the strength of the stable central core community has shrunk to such a degree that the two forces are out of balance and can barely coexist. The tension has become destructive rather than creative.

Some people suggest that we have now become two churches, and there has been much discussion of this issue in THE LIV-ING CHURCH. Personally, I think the idea that we have become two churches is overly optimistic. We're not splitting in two, we're fragmenting.

Think back to the Reformation four centuries ago. It is simplistic to see it as a two-way split into catholics and protestants. Rather, it was a fragmentation into many sectarian parts with as much controversy among the various protestant denominations as there was between them and the Roman Church.

> Our situation today is not exactly like that, but we have more in common with the fragmentation model than we do with the neat-split model.

Is there any way to counteract the fragmentation? Perhaps. A new thing called the American Anglican Council has appeared on the scene recently. It seems to

be struggling to define itself, let alone bring itself into existence. Yet it could have real potential, the potential to form again a stable central core community of Episcopalians. This group is still very much in its formative stages and its future is hard to predict. Will it be yet another splinter group, or a unifying force? Many watch and pray.

In an oft-quoted poem, William Butler Yates wrote:

"Things fall apart; the centre cannot hold; Mere anarchy is loosed upon the world ... The best lack all conviction, while the worst Are full of passionate intensity."

Things are falling apart. It is time to rebuild the center. If the American Anglican Council is not the way, then some other way must be found.

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Current Questions About Deacons

THE ORDERS OF MINISTRY Reflections on Direct Ordination, 1996 Edited by Edwin F. Hallenbeck. North American Association for the Diaconate Pp. 100. \$8 paper. To order, call NAAD at (401) 455-0521.



This collection of essays and correspondence by such respected scholars as Leonel Mitchell, Ormonde Plater, Charles Price, Louis Weil and J. Robert Wright addresses direct ordination in

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- 1. Neither direct nor sequential ordination is universal in the church's practice.
- 2. The cumulative approach "once a deacon, always a deacon" is mostly popular, and poor, theology.
- 3. The requirement that a bishop be first a priest arose out of the medieval theology of the priesthood as the summit of the orders, because of its relationship to the Eucharist.
- 4. The requirement that a priest first be ordained deacon arose as a practical solution in some places to meet a need for probation of candidates for the priesthood and episcopate in the fourth and fifth centuries.

To summarize, whatever promise it might hold for restoring greater balance and clarity among episcopate, priesthood and diaconate, direct ordination is not a "cure" for the church's lingering confusion about the ministry of deacons. The best way to strengthen the diaconate is to ordain deacons — and then support and encourage them in their unique contributions to the church's life.

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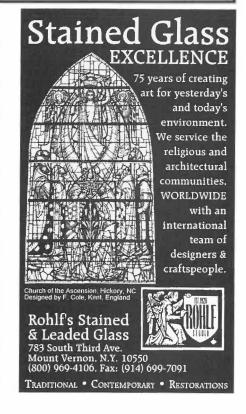
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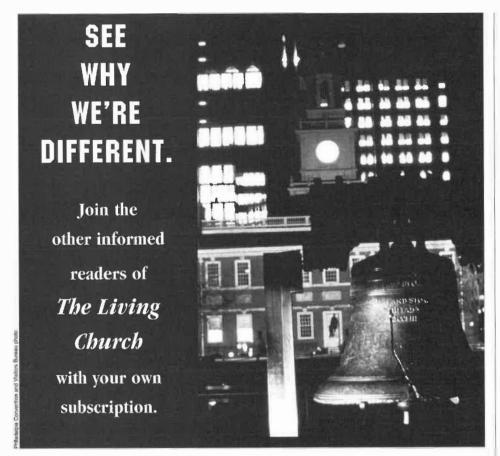
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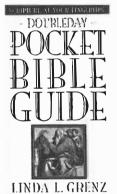
Lowering Anxiety

DOUBLEDAY POCKET BIBLE GUIDE Scripture At Your Fingertips By Linda L. Grenz Doubleday. Pp. 290 plus unpaginated time line and maps. \$9.95 paper

My seminary dean, Krister Stendahl, wrote a fascinating little piece years ago on uses and abuses of the Bible. At one point he mentions the high number of "coffee table Bibles" he has seen since coming from Sweden to America, and he

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(The Rev.) Travis Du Priest, book editor

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Appointments

The Rev. Floyd W. Brewer is priest-in-charge of St. Chad's, Tampa, and St. Cecelia's, Tampa, Fla.

The Rev. **George Deatrick** is rector of St. Michael and All Angels, 6732 W 34th St., Berwyn, IL 60402.

The Rev. **W. Bomar Etters** is assistant rector of St. Mark's, 4129 Oxford Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32210.

The Rev. **Daniel Fowler** is associate at Holy Spirit, 400 E Westminster Rd., Lake Forest, IL 60045.

The Rev. James R. Harlan is rector of St. John the Baptist, P.O. Box 2166, Breckenridge, CO 80424.

The Rev. **Joseph Harmon** is rector of Epiphany, 201 S Ashland Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607.

The Rev. Christine Harrell is assistant rector of St. Mark's, 4129 Oxford Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32210.

Retirements

The Rev. John Fesq, as rector of Good Shepherd, Dedham, MA.

The Rev. William M. Johnston, as rector of St. Thomas', Neenah, WI.

The Rev. **Francis Maguire**, as rector of Good Shepherd, Bonita, CA.

Ordinations

Deacons

Bethlehem — Eric Bergman, Beth Haynes, Dan Jones, Jane Williams.

Indianapolis — Gordon J. Anderson, Ronald A. Goldfarb, Alice G. Goshorn, Amy Bentley Lamborn, Jan D. Rybka, Jean M. Smith, Clark R. West.

Kansas — Gar R. Demo, youth officer, Diocese of Kansas, and youth minister, St. Margaret's, Lawrence, KS; add. 1816 Arkansas, Lawrence, KS 66044; Kelly M. Demo, curate, Trinity, 1011 Vermont St., Lawrence, KS 66044.

New York — Horace M. Whyte, St. Matthew and St. Timothy, 26 W 84th St., New York, NY 10024.

Oklahoma — Michael Athey, assistant, St. Luke's, 210 E 9th St., Bartlesville, OK 74003. Anthony Moon, assistant, St. Mary's, 325 E. 1st St., Edmond, OK 73034.

South Carolina — Henry Avent, deacon-incharge, Holy Apostles, Box 207, Barnwell, SC 29812; Johnnie Davis, William Knapp, Alfred T.K. Zadig, Jr., assistant, St. Michael's, 14 St. Michael's Alley, Charleston, SC 29401.

Priests

Oklahoma — Roger Kappel.

Olympia — Roy Tripp, associate, Trinity, 2301 Hoyt Ave., Everett, WA 98201.

South Carolina — James Francis Eichner, assistant, Holy Comforter, Box 338, Sumter, SC 29151; Neil Alan Willard, assistant, Resurrection, 627 Pine Dr., Surfside Beach, SC 29577.

Southeast Florida — Todd McGregor.

Summer Church Directory

Birmingham, AL

ST. ANDREW'S 1024 S. 12th St. (Downtown)
The Rev. Francis X. Walter, r
Sun 8, 10:30 H Eu; Tues 7 H Eu; Thurs 12:05 H Eu (in University Commons); Fri 10:30 H Eu

Buena Park, CA

Near Knott's Berry Farm and Disneyland ST. JOSEPH'S Sun 8, 10 H Eu. Wed 10, 7 Bible Study

Carlsbad, CA

ST. MICHAEL'S-BY-THE-SEA The Rev. Neal W. Moquin, SSC H Eu Sat 5:30, Sun 8, 9, 10 (Sung) 2775 Carlsbad Blvd.

Laguna Hills, CA

ST. GEORGE'S
23802 Ave. De la Carolta (I-5 Fwy at El Toro exit)
The Rev. Thomas N. Sandy, r; the Rev. Sam D'Amico, the
Rev. Al Lafon, the Rev. Jeff Kraemer, assisting
June (Sun HC 8, 9 & 11). July-Aug (Sun HC 8 & 10)

Yucaipa, CA

ST. ALBAN'S 12692 Fifth St.
The Rev. Bruce Duncan, v (909) 797-3266
Sun Services: 8 H Eu, 10 Sunday School & H Eu

KEY – Light face type denotes AM, bold face PM; add, address; anno, announced; A-C, Ante-Communion; appt., appointment; B, Benediction; C, Confessions; Cho, Choral; Ch S, Church School; c, curate; d, deacon, d.r.e., director of religious education; EP, Evening Prayer; Eu, Eucharist; Ev, Evensong; ex, except; 1S, 1st Sunday; hol, holiday; HC, Holy Communion; HD, Holy Days; HS, Healing Service; HU, Holy Unction; Instructions; Int, Intercessions; LOH, Laying On of Hands; Lit, Litany; Mat, Matins; MP, Morning Prayer; P, Penance; r, rector; r-em, rector emeritus; Ser, Sermon; Sol, Solemn; Sta, Stations; V, Vespers; v, vicar; YPF, Young People's Fellowship. A/C, air-conditioned; H/A, handicapped accessible.

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The Very Rev. Kelsey G. Hooge (970) 887-2143

The Very Rev. Kelsey G. Hogue
Sun HC 8:30. Wed HC 7
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(vacation attire appropriate)
(970) 4
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Branford, CT

TRINITY-ON-THE-GREEN 1109 Main St. (203) 488-2681 The Rev. Richardson A. Libby, r; the Rev. Cynthia C. Knapp, ass't; the Rev. Archibald Hanna, d; Ronald Baldwin, music dr. Sun H Eu 8, Cho Eu 10. Healing Eu Wed 12:10

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Sun 8 & 10 H Eu

Washington, DC

CHRIST CHURCH, Georgetown
Corner of 31st & O Sts., NW (202) 333-6677
The Rev. Stuart A. Kenworthy, r, the Rev. Lupton P. Abshire,
the Rev. Marguerite A. Henninger

the Rev. Marguerite A. Henninger Sun Eu 8, 9, 11 (1S, SS & SS), 5; MP 11 (2S & 4S); Cho Ev 4 (1S & 3S, Oct.-May). Daily Eu (Wed 7:30), HS & Eu (Fri 12:10). Noonday Prayers (Mon-Fri 12), EP (Mon-Fri 6)

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The Rt. Rev. Barry Valentine, Bishop in Residence
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Pompano Beach, FL

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Stuart, FL

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The Rev. Thomas T. Pittenger, r, the Rev. Ken Herzog, c; the
Rev. Beverly Ramsey, Youth & Christian Ed; the Rev.
Jonathan Coffey & the Rev. Canon Richard Hardman,
assisting; Allen Rosenberg, Music Dir
Sun Eu 7:30, 9, 11. Tues H Eu/Healing 12:10. Thurs H Eu 10.

Augusta, GA

CHRIST CHURCH
The Rev. Theodore O. Atwood, Jr., r
Sun Masses 8 & 10 (Sung). Wed 6:30
(706) 736-5165

Decatur: GA

HOLY TRINITY
515 E. Ponce de Leon Ave.
The Rev. Philip C. Linder, r; the Rev. Susan Latimer, the Rev.
Hunt Comer
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(404) 377-2622

Hinesville/Fort Stewart, GA

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Sun 8 & 10 H Eu; Wed 11:45 noon H Eu. Sat 6 H Eu Heritage Chapel on Post, Fort Stewart. Sun 1 St. James Korean Episcopal Service

Savannah, GA

ST. FRANCIS OF THE ISLANDS Wilmington Island 590 Walthour Road Sun 8 & 10:15 H Eu. Wed 7 H Eu. MP 8:30

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 The Very Rev. William Willoughby III
 (912) 232-0274

 Sun Masses 8 & 10:30. Mon 12:15; Tues 6; Wed 7; Thurs 10; Fri 7

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Chicago, IL

ASCENSION N. LaSalle Blvd at Elm (312) 664-1271 The Rev. Gary P. Fertig, r; the Rev. Richard Higginbotham The Sisters of St. Anne (312) 642-3638
Sun Masses 8 (Low), 9 (Sung) 11 (Sol & Ser), MP 7:30, Adult Ed 10, Sol E&B 4 (1S) Daily: MP 6:40 (ex Sun) Masses 7, 6:20 (Wed), 10 (Sat) C Sat 5:30-6, Sun 10:30-10:50 Rosary 9:30 Sat

Peoria, IL

CHRIST CHURCH (Linestone) Christ Church Rd The Rev. John R. Throop, D.Min., v (309) 673-089: Sun 9:30 H Eu. Founded by Bishop Philander Chase in 1845 Christ Church Rd. (309) 673-0895

Riverside, IL (Chicago West Suburban) ST PAUL'S PARISH 60 Akenside Rd. The Rev. Thomas A. Fraser, r

Sun Eu 8 & 10:15; Wkdy Eu Tues 7, Wed 7, Fri 10. Sacrament of Reconcilation 1st Sat 4-4:30 & by appt

Indianapolis, IN

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL Monument Circle, Downtown The Very Rev. Robert Giannini, dean Sun Eu 8 & 10

Baton Rouge, LA

ST. JAMES (Founded 1844) The Rev. Fred Fenton, r; the Rev. George Kontos, the Rev. Bob Burton, assocs; the Rev. Andy Andrews, Dir of Youth Min.; the Rt. Rev. Robert Witcher, Bishop-in-Residence. Lou Taylor, Dir of Christian Ed.; Dr. David Culbert, organist-choir-

Sun H Eu 7:30, 9, 11, 4:30

Plymouth, MA

CHRIST CHURCH PARISH 149 Court St. (508) 746-4959 Sat Informal Eu 5. Sun Eu 8 & 10, Wed Eu 9:30

Bath, ME

GRACE CHURCH 1100 Washington St. The Rev. John S. Paddock, r Sun H Eu 8 & 10. Wed H Eu 9

Grand Rapids, MI

3412 Leonard St., NW., at Remembrance ST PAUL'S The Rev. John E. Crean, Jr., Ph.D., r; the Rev. John L. Eng-(616) 791-2060

Masses: Sun 9 Sung; Wed 6:30 Low

Minneapolis, MN

ST. LUKE'S 46th and Colfax, S. The Rev. Frank Wilson, r; the Rev. Douglas Fontaine, the Rev. Alan Grant, the Rev. Ed Barnett, assocs Sun HC 8:30 & 10:30. Thurs HC 7

St. Paul, MN

ST. PHILIP'S The Rev. Melvin Turner Sun HC 10

Lake St. Louis, MO

TRANSFIGURATION
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1860 Lake St. Louis Blvd. (314) 561-8951

Kansas City, MO

OLD ST. MARY'S 1307 Holmes The Very Rev. Bruce D. Rahtjen, Ph.D., r (816) 842-0975 Masses: Sun 8 Low; 10 Solemn; Daily, noon

Asheville, NC

HISTORIC TRINITY CHURCH (Downtown) 60 Church St. The Rev. Canon (Hon.) Michael Owens, r Sun H Eu 8 & 10:30. Daily MP 9, H Eu 12 noon

Hertford, NC (Diocese of East Carolina) HOLY TRINITY 207 The Rev. Dale K. Brudvig 207 Church St. (919) 426-5542

Hackensack, NJ

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA 72 Lodi St. The Rev. Brian Laffler, SSC Sun Masses 8, 10 (High), 5 (Sat); Tues 7:30; Wed thru Fri 9

Newark, NJ

Sun H Eu 10

GRACE CHURCH 950 Broad St., at Federal Sq. The Rev. J. Carr Holland, Ill, r Sun Masses 8 & 10 (Sung); Mon-Fri 12:10

Santa Fe, NM

HOLY FAITH (505) 982-444 The Rev. Dale Coleman, r, the Rev. Robert Dinegar, Ph.D., assoc Sun H Eu 8; 9:30 Ch S; 10:30 Sung H Eu. Tues H Eu 10. Thurs H Eu 12:10. MP or EP daily

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145 W. 46th St. (between 6th & 7th Aves.) 10036 The Rev. Canon Edgar F. Wells, r; the Rev. William C. Parker, c; the Rev. Allen Shin, ass't

Sun Masses 9, 10, 11 (Sol & Ser) 5, MP 8:40, EP 4:45. Daily: MP 8:30 (ex Sat), noonday Office 12, Masses: 12:15 & 6:15 (ex Sat.) Sat only 12:15, EP 6 (ex Sat), Sat only 5; C Sat 11:30-12, 4-5, Sun 10:30-10:50, Maj HD 5:30-5:50

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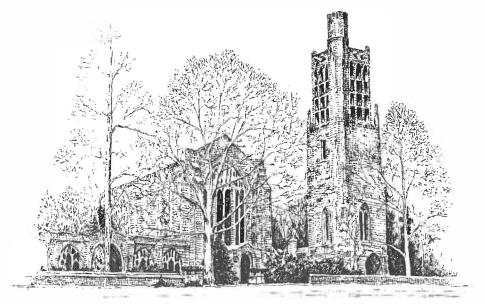
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Sun: Mass 8:30, Sol Mass 10. Daily Mass: Mon-Fri 12:10 (HU

Wed); Tues 5:30; Sat 10 ST. MARY'S-Bainbridge The Rev. Julius Jackson Sun Services: 8 & 10:30

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CALVARY 315 Shady Ave. (412) 661-0120 The Rev. Canon Harold T. Lewis, Ph.D., r; the Rev. Margaret S. Austin

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