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# **Press on to the Goal**

### Last Sunday after Epiphany

Ex. 24:12 (13-14) 15-18: Ps. 99; Phil. 3:7-14; Matt. 17:1-9

Sometimes we press on by staying still for a while. Moses discovered this on the mountain of God's glory. A luminous cloud is the sign of God's presence and power to save. Exodus describes it as a "devouring fire," which recalls the burning bush of Moses' vocational discernment. It is a fire that is more powerful than anything destructive on earth, but gives light and life rather than annihilates. God's presence removes the impurities of our hearts and motives.

St. Paul shares with the Philippian church that God's devouring fire of love in Jesus had freed him from the bondage of all those things he had considered as "gains" previously. The prize he seeks is God's real presence, not a virtual reality. The goal is to enjoy everything God wants to give us: His partnership in Christ, his presence by the Holy Spirit.

Sometimes we need to sit still so that we are available to God. The mountain of Jesus' transfiguration and the mountain of Moses' encounter with the divine presence are the places of meeting God himself. This is why we have Lent. Too often, we abuse Lent by revving up our spiritual engines. We add on so much more additional stuff to do we fall right back into a worksrighteousness. Instead, this is the Sunday to decide what to offer God beginning on Ash Wednesday.

Instead of offering more of your busyness, why not offer to God the sacrifice of your stillness? Instead of adding on activities you won't continue after Lent (or even during Lent) why not stop doing those things that keep you from a "normal" Christian life of daily prayer and Bible study? In other words, unload some baggage so you can be free to be still, and wait upon God, listening to his speaking to you and allowing that word to change you.

### Look It Up

Check out Bible passages that deal with fire and consider how God's fire of love could cleanse you this Lent.

### **Think About It**

Have you ever been overcome with fear because you were aware of being in God's presence? If not, it's time to use this Lent to carefully consider why.



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# 40 Days (At Least) of Reading

By Travis Du Priest

A CLOSER WALK: Meditating on Hymns for Year A. By Nancy Roth. Church Publishing. Pp. 284. \$12.95 paper.

Episcopal priest Nancy Roth selects hymns from Marion Hatchett's *Liturgical Index to the Hymnal 1982* and offers us engaging meditations, following the church year, for personal or homiletic inspiration. One of my favorites is "Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle," for Tuesday in Holy Week.

**BELOVED: Poems**. By **Francis C. Gray**. St. Augustine's (South Bend, Ind.) Pp. 56. \$10 paper.

Adept with language, pleasant sounds and rhythms as well as spiritual insight, the Assistant Bishop of Virginia has published a lovely small book of poetic breadth, including lyrics, acrostics and cinquains. "Preparing to Teach the Lord's Prayer" ends "God, grant me grace to lean upon your staff/and give to them your wheat; remove my chaff."

### SEVEN LAST WORDS: Lenten Reflections for Today's Believers. By Alice Camille. ACTA (4848 N. Clark St., Chicago, IL 60640). Pp. 96. \$6.95 (also available in audio cassette, \$9.95).

Reflections on the traditional seven last words of Christ from the cross, focusing on themes of humility, the kingdom, discipleship, suffering, thirst, the cross and surrender.

### **THOUGHTS IN SOLITUDE**. By **Thomas Merton**. Farrar, Straus and Giroux. Pp. 130. \$17.

Some 30 years after his death, his books are still being published and reprinted. This is a "gift edition" of a Merton book that looks at the often misunderstood concept of solitude: "Some people live for God, some live with God, some live in God."

**PRAYER AT NIGHT'S APPROACHING**. By **Jim Cotter**. Morehouse. Pp. 183. No price given.

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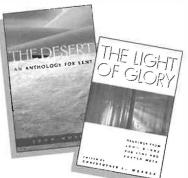
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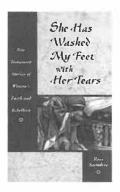
and new readers will appreciate. The prayers are arranged by days of the week, and under each day, by different categories such as thanksgiving, recognition, inner peace, along with psalms, hymns and the *Nunc Dimittis*.

**PSALMS FOR A PILGRIM PEOPLE**. By **Jim Cotter**. Morehouse. Pp. 327, \$17.95 paper.

Also by Fr. Cotter, a Church of England parish priest. These 150 Psalms are neither translations nor paraphrases, but rather "unfoldings," sometimes only slightly amending the original and sometimes incorporating other concepts from elsewhere in scripture. Ps. 23 ends, "I shall abide in your house, content in your presence for ever."

LEARNING TO LOVE: Exploring Solitude and Freedom. The Journals of Thomas Merton. Vol. Six, 1966-1967. Edited by Christine M. Bochen. HarperSanFrancisco. Pp. 382. \$15 paper.

More from the Trappist monk, Thomas Merton, on solitude, but this time from his personal journal which reveals his many internal struggles with relationships, particularly with the woman he met while in the hospital: "The fact of passion has to be faced ... The fact of my vocation to a deep mystical life has to be faced ..."



SHE HAS WASHED MY FEET WITH HER TEARS: New Testament Stories of Woman's Faith and Rebellion. By Ross Saunders. Seastone. Pp. 158. \$12.95 paper.

An Australian Anglican priest explores the Mediterranean world and women in the gospels, Acts, Pauline epistles and the Post-Apostolic era. He finds a number of women willing to break with convention: Mary the Mother of John, for example, did not sell her house and live off charity; she allowed her house to be used for Christian worship.

LECTIO DIVINA: Renewing the Ancient Practice of Praying the Scriptures. By M. Basil Pennington. Crossroad. Pp. 164. \$13.95 paper.

Basil Pennington of *Centering Prayer* fame, opens contemporary readers to the ancient method of "*lectio*" or praying the scriptures, a tradi-

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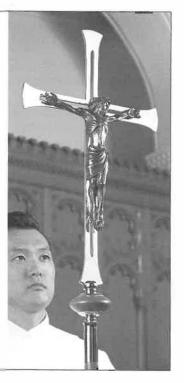
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### PRAYING WITH C.S. LEWIS. By Charles C. Taliaferro. St. Mary's. Pp. 116. \$8.95 paper.

Continuing St. Mary's "Companions for the Journey" series, and continuing the explosion of books published for the Lewis centennial in 1998, Prof. Taliaferro presents us with 15 meditations on topics like divine imagination, prayer and the Trinity. Introduction on Lewis's life and themes.

#### LIFT THINE EYES: Evening Prayers For Every Day of the Year. By Christoph Blumhardt. Plough (Rte. 381 N. Farmington, PA 15437). Unpaginated. \$13.

Daily prayers arranged by month by a German pastor who died in 1919 and was an influence on Dietrich Bonhoeffer. The prayers are straightforward and often strong, as in May 23: "Touch us with your Spirit, that we may carry out our tasks in your service."

### ANGELS OF GRACE. By Anselm Gruen. Translated by **Dinah Livingstone**. Crossroad. Pp. 140. \$14.95 paper.

By a German monk and spiritual director who writes that angels represent our deep longing for grace. He discusses 50 angels, including angels of clarity, courage, quiet, freedom. One of his best is the Angel of Solitude who helps us find our "own oneness."

### THE SHAPE OF LIVING: Spiritual Directions for Everyday Life. By David F. Ford. Introduction by George Carey. Baker. Pp. 201. \$13.99 paper.

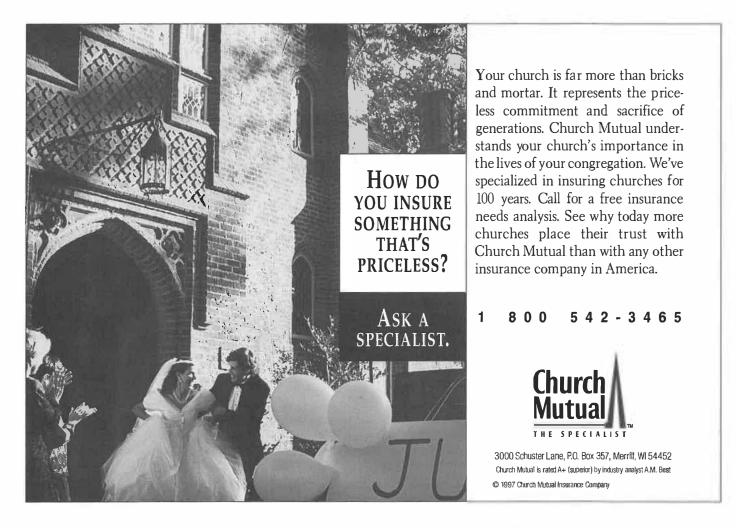
The Regius Professor of Divinity at Cambridge University starts by asking a number of people what they find most overwhelming in life. Yes, he does give advice on coping, but the book is deeper and looks at those times and places that "shape" our hearts, desires, character, soul and work.

MARY THROUGH THE CENTURIES: Her Place in the History of Culture. By Jaroslav Pelikan. Yale. Pp. 267. \$14 paper.

This excellent 1996 book is now in paperback from Yale University Press. If you missed it the first time around, you will want to read it now.

FLAME IN MY HEART: St. Aidan for Today. By David Adam. Morehouse. Pp. 153. \$8.95 paper.

The vicar of Holy Island (Lindisfarne) where St. Aidan lived in northern England shares keen insights for living the spiritual life, drawn from Aidan and others in the medieval Celtic community. Helpful is his observation that "temptations are about our potential," and inspirational are the Celtic prayers.



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### Subversive Spirituality

By Eugene Peterson Eerdmans, Pp. 263, \$18 paper

One word describes Eugene Peterson's Subversive Spirituality: rich.

In this collection, Peterson, professor of spiritual theology at Regent College and author of the popular version of scripture called The Message, has assembled an eclectic mix of writings.

Subversive Spirituality includes the following: biblical expositions, interviews, conversations, reflections, meditations and poetry.

Overall, the work is steeped with pastoral insight and wisdom, and the style is fluid and literary. Perhaps Peterson's most interesting theme is the connection between art and faith. The author shows his respect for other creative minds, namely,

poets and novelists from whom he draws inspiration.

The Christian life, asserts Peterson, involves imagination.

He explains that poems slow us down and encourage us to reflect on our lives. Each poem in his series "Holy Luck" opens with a Beatitude. The pieces themselves are rife with alliteration and internal rhymes in addition to other complex poetic devices.

"Reading a novel is among the more serious activities available to a pastor," notes Peterson. In other words, story, person and place are important to our lives. "The arts," he says, "is where we live." Stated differently, we live in a story.

Peterson contends that novels can be vehicles of cultural as well as theological truth. To back up his point, he cites Herman Melville's Moby Dick and Walker Percy's The Moviegoer.

In short, Peterson claims that true pastorate is a work of art, and art by its nature — is subversive.

"Spirituality is not smooth," he notes, pondering the role of the seminary as a place of spiritual formation. He seems to advocate the balance of intellect and spirituality. the blend of reason and faith.

Perhaps Subversive Spirituality will serve as a reformation call to contemporary Christianity.

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sion, transitions become "angels of annunciation," and, simultaneously, we stop destructive thoughts concerned with how others assess us. The next step assigns us to re-visit Matthew 2:1-12 so we will look to God's star as did the Magi. Fr. Papineau emphasizes that the star never gets lost except to our line of vision. On the other hand, we can remain focused on God's star by bonding into "communitas" as did the Magi. In such maturity, girded by our bonding, we arrive together into God's presence, our eternal destiny. Thus, transition becomes opportunity rather than depression's dashed hope. In view of all of this prudence shared by Fr. Papineau, this reviewer recommends this book for all those trying to make sense of life's transitions.

> Edward Ambrose Las Cruces, N.M.

### Thomas Jefferson: A Life

By Willard Sterne Randall Henry Holt. Pp. 708. \$35

The currently active problem about the separation of church and state has involved reference to Thomas Jefferson. Such references. when they are numerous, tend to promote inaccuracies. The prejudices of excited debaters surface, and poor Thomas Jefferson gets mangled.

This book gives an excellent description of Jefferson's colonial ancestry and the lifestyle of the early 18th century, including social, economic and religious attitudes. This reader felt the agrarian ways and also the gradual entanglement of parliament. Virginia. I saw powerful England pretending superiority over the tobacco farmers. Then came a slow but persistent rise of revolutionary minds, speeches, and publications large and small.

Slowly, the colonists identified themselves as "Americans" and then as responsible colony-states. An early resolution recognized the bondedness of those colonies; their corporate strength was perceived, promoted, and acknowledged by a significant number of the colonists.

Of high importance to theological

responsibility are the first 200 pages of this book. The busy cleric might well examine at least this section of Willard Sterne Randall's careful treatment of Thomas Jefferson's changing attitudes regarding the church-state issues.

> (The Rev.) Paul Z. Hoornstra Savannah, Ga.

### American Indian Genesis

*The Story of Creation* By Percy Bullchild Seastone. Pp. 92. \$17

I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book and found its ideas intriguing. I was surprised, for example, to learn that Native American myths assumed the earth was round. Many will appreciate reading the story for its own merits, though most readers will find the parallels with the creation stories of Genesis especially fascinating.

Handed down orally, the Blackfeet Indian story of creation is told by a full-blooded Blackfeet who grew up in Montana and who has spent more than 10 years transcribing myths of his culture, preserving accounts of religious life among Native Americans, the origin of sickness, and the origin of sexual awareness.

The interesting biblical parallels I noticed were: man's being created from mud and brought to life with the Creator's breath, the existence of the serpent responsible for sin, explanations of menstruation linked with acts of the Original Woman and woman created from the rib of the first man.

At times I did not care for the voice of the story. I liked the idea of keeping it simple and personal in language, because myths in essence have to be available to all ages; but I had a problem with the inclusion of modern, "western" idioms such as the earth was "plumb bare," and the woman went off to "rustle" for what they needed. These usages don't spoil the tale's timeless and universal appeal, however.

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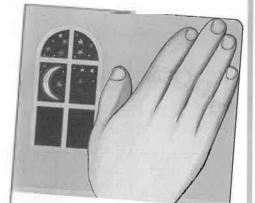
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> "Prayer is needed for children whatever religion we are. We must pray together. Children need to learn to pray, and they need to have their parents pray with them. If we don't do this, it will become difficult to become holy, to carry on, to strengthen ourselves in faith."

> > Mother Teresa Calcutta, 1979

### NEWS

# **Proposal for New Jersey Rejected**



**Bishop Doss** 



**Bishop Griswold** 

# 'I think it is most unfair.'

Fr. French, on how the proposal was brought forward A proposal of "healing and reconciliation" for the Diocese of New Jersey was presented by the Most Rev. Frank T. Griswold, Presiding Bishop, and Bishop Joe Morris Doss of New Jersey when they met with the diocesan standing committee and council Jan. 26 in Secaucus, N.J.

The proposal, which, ultimately, would lead to the resignation or retirement of Bishop Doss no later than March of 2002, was rejected by members of the two groups.

The elected officials of the diocese have been embroiled in disputes with Bishop Doss since early in his episcopate on issues ranging from abuse in leadership to misuse of funds. As recently as October, the standing committee and diocesan council hired an attorney to investigate "alleged spending improprieties of the bishop," a move the diocesan staff called vindictive.

"I am somewhat angry," said the Rev. Alan French, president of the standing committee and rector of St. Andrew's, New Providence. Fr. French said he was angry that there had been no indication before hand of what would be offered. He said he did not know that it was a joint proposal, that Bishop Doss had advance input, that the offices of the Presiding Bishop and the diocesan bishop were so well organized, and that the standing committee and diocesan council were so in the dark. "I think it is most unfair."

Fr. French said representatives of elected leadership were working on an alternate proposal. The proposal offered at the meeting would have required signatures before the meeting closed. At press time, the alternate proposal was not completed.

The Presiding Bishop's proposal suggested, in part, that the standing committee and diocesan council agree:

• that, along with working cooperatively with the elected bodies, Bishop Doss would "consider new opportunities for ministry outside the diocese"

• that the diocese appoint a chancellor and the standing committee and diocesan council withdraw resolutions calling for Bishop Doss' resignation and cease their investigations

• and that none of the parties call for an election of a bishop coadjutor until after

Bishop Doss' resignation or retirement — at which time the Presiding Bishop would appoint an interim bishop until a new bishop is elected.

Fr. French said that the alternative proposal discussed at the meeting accepted the Presiding Bishop's proposal in principle with the major exception that Bishop Doss would leave at the end of diocesan convention this year. He said that the intent is to offer Bishop Doss a "very generous" package: He would be on sabbatical and no longer involved in the diocese, he would be paid in full through diocesan convention 2002, at which time he could retire early.

"We want to be generous. We don't want to hurt him or his family," Fr. French said. The offer would also include stopping all investigations into Bishop Doss' personal and professional life.

"The problems of our diocese are deep and long-lasting. Only through a mutual healing process can we assist the diocese in achieving a healthy reform," Bishop Doss said in a news release after the meeting.

"The Presiding Bishop and I have presented to the standing committee and diocesan council an opportunity for reconciliation and healing ... Bishop Griswold's intervention illustrates that the moral force and example of the Presiding Bishop is where his authority lies within the Episcopal Church.

"I am grateful that he had brought this unique form of authority to bear upon us, helping us find the way to unity, healing and cooperation."

Fr. French said that although the Presiding Bishop left the meeting having withdrawn himself and his staff from the affairs of the diocese, the standing committee and diocesan council wants to work with Bishop Griswold. He said that, personally, he cannot sign a document that would take away the authority of the standing committee who would be serving in three years.

"This was quite a concession on (Bishop Doss') part," said the Rev. Elizabeth Geitz, diocesan council member. "Such an offer is unprecedented in the history of the Episcopal Church. I am dismayed that his joint proposal with the Presiding Bishop was rejected."

### **Diocese of Tennessee**

# **Tornado Destroys Historic Church**

"We will rebuild, and it will be on the same spot in historic downtown Clarksville!" The message resonated from the Rev. David Murray, rector, Steve Dial, senior warden, and members of the vestry and congregation of Trinity Church, one of the oldest Episcopal congregations in the Diocese of Tennessee.

Their ornate, 120-year-old structure, extensively remodeled just years ago, was destroyed in a tornado Jan. 22 that turned downtown Clarksville from one of Tennessee's most attrac-

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Trinity Church, Clarksville, Tenn., was destroyed by a tornado that moved through the downtown historic district Jan. 22.

## **N.Y. Attorney General Completes Trust Fund Investigation**

After a two-year investigation and the expenditure of \$400.000, the Episcopal Church's handling of its trust funds has been vindicated by the New York State Attorney General's office.

A Jan. 5 statement includes a consent agreement wherein the church will continue or institute specific procedures ensuring that changes in financial management are carried out with the approval of the Executive Council's administration and finance committee, that both the full council and the attorney general's office are notified, and that copies of an annual trust fund book and the church's annual financial statement are available to all church members upon request.

The consent agreement further stipulates that the attorney general receive a report concerning one particular trust fund, and a copy of a memorandum on guidelines for use of the Presiding Bishop's discretionary funds.

The in-depth investigation of trust funds was prompted by the Trust Group, a committee of 10 — three bishops, one priest and six lay persons -

represented by Mobile, Ala., attorney James Crosby. The group noticed that millions of dollars in trust funds had



Dick Snyder photo

by former treasurer Ellen Cooke from their original purposes. "Some of these were very small," Mr. Crosby said, "a widow's fund for a dav's

been redesignated

wage for the desti-Mr. Duggan: "doubts ... will finally be laid to rest." tute, for example." He termed the

attorney general's finding "a good start." but that the church at large has still not received a full audit.

The group, Mr. Crosby said, will continue to advocate that full information about trust funds, as well as the church's annual financial statement, be posted on the Internet. "That's \$230 million available for ministries, to help Episcopalians, that people don't know about." New York's attorney general's statement, he said, called the church's actions a 'reasonable resolution,' but also said, 'We'll watch it for five years.'

"Let everybody know where the money's being spent. Why not? The church should be held to the standards of scripture, not of the attorney general," Mr. Crosby said. The Trust Group, he said, had spent approximately \$35,000 pursuing the inquiry; Mr. Crosby took no fee for what he termed "church business." Referring to the amount spent by the church in response to the investigation, he said, "It wouldn't have cost them a dime if they'd let us see the books" as the Trust Group originally requested.

Church financial officer and treasurer Stephen Duggan said of the attorney general's report, "Nothing was found in this investigation that we hadn't already reported," stressing that it made "no recommendations that current financial procedures be changed." He hoped, he said, that "any lingering doubts about the financial management of the church will finally be laid to rest." He lamented the expenditure of the \$400,000 "at a time when the church has so much ministry that needs to be done."

Episcopal News Service contributed to this article.



The delate between Richard Hooker and Walter Travers led to the decision to write the most important and defining treatise of our church's bistory.



The Temple Church on Fleet Street in London

The Great Temple Debate

By Philip B. Secor

he time was early spring of 1586, the 28th year of the reign of Queen Elizabeth I. It was one year before the execution of the queen's Roman Catholic cousin, Mary Queen of Scots, and two years before the invasion of the Spanish Armada. The country was in justifiable frenzy over fear of overthrow of crown and church by forces of the pope, especially King Philip of Spain. Any word or deed in support of Roman Catholics or catholicism was dangerous, even treasonous.

The place was the ancient Temple Church on Fleet Street in London — one of the most influential and contentious pulpits in the country, parish home to most of the leading lawyers and jurists of the day, as well as many members of parliament and the queen's court and privy council.

The occasion was the ongoing public debate between the master of the Temple, Richard Hooker, fresh from a successful career as an Oxford professor and recently appointed by the queen to this influential London pulpit, and Walter Travers, Hooker's cousin by marriage and one of the leading exponents of an extreme brand of Calvinism that aimed at radically altering the government and liturgy of the emergent Anglican Church. The debate lasted for many months and was attended by some of the most influential political and religious leaders of the day.

The consequences of the debate were momentous for the Anglican/Episcopal Church because out of the debate came Hooker's decision to write the most important and defining treatise in our church's history, Of the Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity. The debate set the course of his life, for in them he gave voice to highly dangerous views - only much later to be seen as moderate - that would cost him any hope of further advancement in the church.

The political importance of his position at the Temple Church was clear to Hooker before he ever assumed his office as master in 1585. He knew that its congregation was the most politically sophisticated and sensitive in the realm, excepting only St. Paul's Cathedral. He knew also that the radical Calvinists in London, already in control of many of the leading parishes in the city, coveted this post for one of their own, namely the present reader at the Temple, Walter Travers, who was the chief exponent and organizer in England of the new presbyterian form of church governance.

In fact, the queen's chief minister, William Burghley, Travers' patron and a protector of Calvinist extremists, had urged the queen to appoint Travers as master. However, Archbishop Whitgift rejected Travers as too radical and rec-(Continued on page 26)

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SHAPERS OF THE CHURCH IN THE 20TH CENTURY (One of a series)

# Inspirational Endeavors

THE EMERY SISTERS By Willeen Smith



Above: Julia Emery at the 1913 General Convention/Triennial Meeting of Episcopal Church Women in New York City. Right a 1910 promotional leaflet of the mission field supported by the United Offering.

# ARE YOU DOING YOUR PART?



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Between 1872 and 1920, two Emery sisters brought vision, inspiration and practical hard work to create structures, programs and relationships that undergird the opportunities and actions of women in the Episcopal Church at this turn of the century.

The 1871 General Convention authorized women to organize as an auxiliary to the Board of Missions. Mary Abbott Emery served as the first general secretary, from 1872 until 1876. Julia Chester Emery succeeded her and served until 1916. During those 40 years, she visited every diocese and missionary district and later traveled around the world, visiting missionaries. In 1908, she was a delegate to the Pan-Anglican Congress in London. Today the Episcopal Church recognizes Julia's accomplishments on her feast day, Jan. 9.

Mary and then Julia excited the energy and imagination of women in parishes and dioceses. They created a national network by developing ways for diverse parish groups involved in missionary work to coalesce and for dioceses to establish an officer or board accountable to the general secretary. Thirteen branches were active by women, the power of women's leadership extends to many women in many more places within the family of the Episcopal Church.

For example, Pamela Chinnis is president of the House of Deputies of General Convention. Deputies to General Convention, members of Executive Council and appointed bodies include women. Women are bishops, priests and deacons. Missionary appointments are equally supported for men and women.

In dioceses once a part of the Episcopal Church, now autonomous provinces of Brazil, Central America, Mexico and the Philippines, the Episcopal Church Women and United Thank Offering programs continue.

Today's Council for Women's Ministries brings together leaders of the women in the Episcopal Church. Some member organizations, such as the Church Periodical Club, came into being at the time of the Emery sisters. Others, such as the Episcopal Women's Caucus, are more recent.

The vision, inspiration, and practical hard work of the Emery sisters and many who followed them permeates a

wider spectrum of the Episcopal Church than it did a century ago. That would please Julia Emery. However,

### ... take each past experience as a starting-point for future ... ' Julia Emery

1876. By 1916 every diocese and missionary district including Africa, China, Japan, Alaska, Brazil, Hawaii and the isolated parishes in European cities participated.

Women in the network were educated through missionary publications and further engaged and educated by hands-on connection with missionary families. Box Work — making, collecting, distributing articles of clothing — was centralized and given dollar value. The United Offering, re-named the United Thank Offering, began in 1889 and by 1916 approximated \$300,000.

In 1999, thanks to these two sisters who inspired many

she would not be complacent. As when she explained why she chose the word "endeavor" over "achievement" in the title of her book, *A Century of Endeavor*, "... this is not a time to rest upon anything which has gone before, but rather one in which to take each past experience as a starting-point for future effort and help, with which to meet the problems and duties of the years to come."

Willeen Smith is United Thank Offering coordinator at the Episcopal Church Center in New York City.



# A Focus on Faith

An Interview with Gail Godwin

At home in Woodstock, N.Y., novelist Gail Godwin, whose new novel Evensong, a sequel to Father Melancholy's Daughter, will be published next month, answers a few questions from TLC's book editor, the Rev. Travis Du Priest.

**TD:** Thank you for agreeing to be interviewed for our readers. I'm looking forward to learning more about you, and I'm sure others are, too. Would you begin by telling us a bit about your childhood and upbringing?

**GG:** I was born in Alabama, because my father had taken a summer job there. But soon after, my parents separated and my Mother, her mother, and I moved to the western North Carolina mountains, where my grandmother's people lived. While World War II was in progress, mother worked as a reporter on the *Asheville Citizen Times*. She also taught part-time and wrote love stories in the evening. My grandmother read them and made suggestions before they were sent off to New York. Then a few months later, we would walk to the drugstore and look at the latest issue of *Love Short Stories* and sometimes Mother would have two stories in a single issue, under different pen names.

I never went to first grade, a fact I find odd in retrospect, but for second grade, Mother enrolled me in St. Genevieve's, where she was teaching English in the junior college. In the early 1900s, a French order of Roman Catholic nuns had purchased a Victorian inn overlooking Asheville and, in the peak period when I began, were educating children from kindergarten through eighth grade and young women through high school and the first two years of college. There were boarding students from all over the country, as well as Cuba.

I spent eight intense, imaginative years as a day student in this rambling, gothic-romantic, five-story wooden building with its gables and off-limits tower. There were so many interesting (a few terrifying; some especially loving) women, many from France and Ireland and Germany, who were here at our service because they had wanted to do something difficult for God. (My favorite one is still on this earth, in a convent near Boston.) Then my new stepfather took my mother and me into a totally different world. In the next three years, I was to attend five public high schools in four different states.

# **TD:** Do you still identify yourself as a Southerner or think of yourself as a Southern writer, even though you live in New York?

**GG:** When I think of myself as something nowadays, it is usually more in the line of a blob of consciousness that has lived in a number of settings and inhabits one now. Only once, in my late teens, probably under the influence of reading *Gone With the Wind* and studying Faulkner, did I go through a period of feeling especially Southern. I thought a great deal about it, because, except for one Swiss great-grandfather who emigrated to America in the last century, I am Southern all the way back to the 18th century on both sides. But then that identification with "southernness" abated in my 20s when I lived abroad, and I found more affinities with what you might call writers of the inner life, the soul, wherever their locales: Albert Camus, George Eliot, Henry James, Robertson Davies. Though many of my characters are from the South — the way Davies' characters are from Canada and James' from Boston or New York — their most passionate concerns seem more focused on the personal quest and the intricacies of human relationships.

**TD:** I don't know whether you'll like it very much or not, but I've taught several of your short stories in a class called "Fiction of Southern Women." I'm wondering if you see any of the other Southern writers like Eudora Welty, Katherine Anne Porter or Caroline Gordon as mentors or influences.

**GG:** I'm happy when my fiction is taught, no matter what the title: "Southern Women," "The Holy Ghost in Modern Fiction," "The Evolving Self." If you mean you're wondering whether I balk at being put in a "Southern" or a "female" box, I do, a little, but ours is an age of specialization, and courses in syllabi have to have catchy titles. I myself would certainly sign up for the "Holy Ghost" course. (I made that one up, by the way, inspired by the headline of an old *Father Melancholy's Daughter* review: "Dad, Daughter Chase Holy Ghost.")

The Southern writer I most admired when I was starting to write was Walker Percy. When *The Moviegoer* first fell into my hands in 1962, I couldn't believe someone had written such a novel. It had such original perceptions, even added some metaphysical dimensions to "southernness." By the way, it was Walker Percy who inadvertently gave me the title for *Father Melancholy's Daughter*. I was sitting behind him on a plane, on our way to a writers' conference, and I was lovingly brooding on the back of his head while wishing I had a better title for my book. Somehow the head and the wish clicked.

## **TD:** Are you a cradle Episcopalian or a convert? Were you brought up going to church?

**GG:** There's a family story that both my mother and I were covertly baptized as infants by our ardent Roman Catholic cousins in Alabama. When I was little we went to my grandmother's Methodist church; then Mother found St. Mary's, an Anglo-Catholic church in Asheville. It was, and still is, open at night, and she would walk up to St. Mary's after work for "a breath of fresh prayer." I was confirmed there when I was 12, and entered upon an active adolescent spiritual life. This lasted until I left Asheville at the age of 15.

I didn't get back to the Episcopal Church until decades later, after a period of searching and praying outside of churches. I never stopped searching or praying, though the God I prayed to went through some metamorphoses. And so did I. Yet in some ways, God has remained his old recognizable self. And so have I.

**TD:** Are you an active Episcopalian now? Does your writing, teaching, and travel schedule allow you to participate in your local parish?

> 'All of us are inflicted, in one way or another, with the "abiding ache" and we bring challenging information to one another.'



**GG:** More active than I have ever been in a church. I read the lessons about twice a month, and, last summer, I was a founding teacher in St. Gregory's first three-week arts camp for adolescents. St. Gregory's, Woodstock, is going through a blossoming period, our priest-in-charge is a devoted and vital man, and we are an extraordinarily varied combination of humans from such different backgrounds that no discussion group is boring — or, worse, complacent.

All of us are inflicted, in one way or another, with the "abiding ache" and we bring challenging information to one another like bees returning to the hive with their stash from different flowers.

**TD**: Will your new novel. Evensong. continue any of the storuline of Father Melancholy's Daughter?

**GG**: *Evensong* is a sequel to it, though it can be read without having read FMD. In Evensong, Margaret is now the rector of an Episcopal church in a and your insights into yourself, your writing, small highland village in Western North Carolina. She is married to Adrian Bonner, whom she admired in FMD. The novel runs its course during Advent of 1999, when she and Adrian face some serious personal conflicts as well as a good bit of localized millennial madness.

### **TD:** What are you working on now? I'm sure our readers would like to know what's in store for them in future.

**GG:** I have been commissioned to write a book about the heart — its symbolism, the way it has been portrayed in myth, religion, literature, art, and philosophy through time. It is scheduled for publication on Valentine's Day, 2000. It's underlying theme is the importance of "heart-consciousness." I have written about half the book, with chapters so far on "Heartbreak," "The Rhythms that Count," "The Shape of the Heart," "The Mystical Heart," "Changes of Heart," and "Absence of Heart." I love this project. It's like going back to school, only this time to the School of the Heart.

**TD:** I have a flyer entitled The Other Voice: A Portrait of Hilda of Whitby in Words and Music, for which you wrote the text. Tell us about your interest in Hilda and about this musical, if that's the proper term.

**GG:** My interest in Hilda dates from my graduate studies in Anglo-Saxon. Many years later, I had a powerful waking fantasy about this mother of the early English Church. I visited Whitby twice and read everything I could find about the seventh-century abbess, which isn't much, besides Bede's account of her, considering how extraordinary she was. She had as much power as anyone could deal with, and yet she handled it superbly. She managed to live in God's time and human time. That's what our piece is about: Hilda takes a very human, ignoble incident and turns it into something useful for God.

After I finished *Evensong* last spring, the composer Robert Starer and I decided to make Hilda the basis of our ninth collaboration. We had a mezzo soprano in mind, a singer with dramatic gifts, and we had a church that wanted to premiere it, Holy Cross in Kingston, N.Y., with its enviable acoustics and suitable space and accoutrements for a liturgical drama. The Other Voice had its first

two performances last October and it worked extremely well. Now it's going to be brought out by Selah Publishing Co. later this spring and made available to other churches who might want to perform it.

TD: Thank you for your candor, your wisdom, and your faith.



### SCENE V

from The Other Voice by Gail Godwin It is the year 680. The Abbess Hilda is now 66 and close to death. The abbess has been ill for six years. As Bede, her only known biographer, writing within 50 years of her death, when memories of her were still fresh, tells us: It pleased the Author of our salvation to try her holy soul by 9 long sickness, in order that...her strength might be perfected in weakness." Knowing her time on earth is short, Hilda has sent for Rolf the Reeve, who has outlived Caedmon. We learn that Hilda taught Rolf to read so that he could "feed" the scriptures to his brother, who was then inspired. as Hilda had foreseen, to make songs that reached the hearts of the unconverted. Through giving Rolf another voice, that of literacy, the wise abbess has given his irrepressible communicative energies a purposeful focus.

The concluding Requiem for Hilda, sung by the Abbess Elfleda, was inspired by text found in 2 Esdras, 2:15-33 and by the final prayer of the Burial Service in The Book of Common Prayer.

Mother, embrace thy children And bring them up with gladness; Make their feet as fast as a pillar; For I have chosen thee, saith the Lord. Those that be dead will I raise up again And bring them out of their graves. Fear not, thou mother of the children, For I have chosen thee, saith the Lord.

Be joyful, O thou mother, with thy children For I will deliver thee, saith the Lord. Remember thy children that sleep, For I shall bring them out of the sides Of the earth and shew mercy unto them.

Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord And let light perpetual shine upon her.

### FROM THE EDITOR

# A Meditative Walk

Friends of mine have built a labyrinth on four acres of wooded hillside behind their house of prayer in southeast Wisconsin. The pathways

meander — it is not stylized at all like some of the labyrinths so popular right now. It takes about 20 minutes at a steady pace to walk "in," and about equal time "out" if you commit to the full journey.

There are two swings and several large rocks to sit on if you are tired or simply want to pause. Eventually there will be medita-

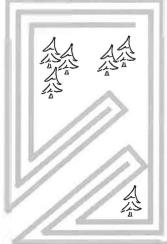
tion stops along the way and at the end a tower you can climb to overlook the surrounding countryside or close your eyes and pray.

I've walked it several times — to get the "lay of the land" and to "test" the instructions (little sticks with colors directing you right, left or straight ahead). But more recently, I walked it as part of a pre-Lenten retreat as a spiritual exercise.

I decided that since the labyrinth was made of wooded pathways that I would treat it as a "living icon." As I stepped onto the path, I would "write the labyrinth" in the tradition of iconographers who "write" their icons. The result was a slow, meditative walk. As much as possible I tried not to impose judgment or even to take "poetic justice," but just record what my eye fell on:

Beautiful flat gray rocks; limegreen moss; large oak trees with bare limbs; long strands of brown grass lying flat against the ground; acorns; packed black dirt; tiny patches of snow around pebbles; tall, dried stalks of Queen Anne's lace blowing in the wind.

Naturally, reflection and memory eventually kick in. And by the next day I realized that the walk had pulled to mind other walks in other woods, mostly from my childhood: along the creek on the edge of town not too far from our



home in Crewe: behind the farm of family friends Kate and Charlie, also in the Piedmont section of Virginia: While the adults laughed and talked by the fireplace after Sundav dinners. I would hike the woods with Charlie's hunting dogs. Mint and Julep. Or by the springhouse at the edge

of my great aunt and uncle's place in Lunenburg County, where the water was sweet enough to drink.

Each walk brought with it a sense of safety, belonging, and stillness. Though I wouldn't have known the term as a teenager — a sense of contemplative oneness.

It was good to relearn after many years that one can become a child again, at least for awhile, and see that a walk in the woods still knits up the raveled sleeve of care, as the poet puts it, and soothes the sin sick soul.

> (The Rev.) Travis Du Priest, book editor

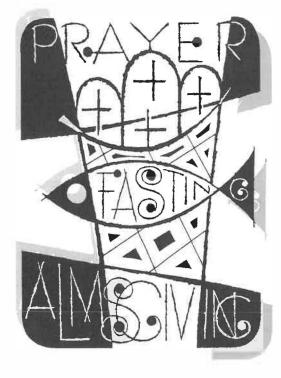
### Did You Know...

The Lavender Light Gospel Choir will sing at the Beyond Inclusion Conference in New York City in April.

### Quote of the Week

Jazz musician David "Fathead" Newman, leader of Master's Class and jazz weekend at St. James', East Austin, Texas, on religion and music: "Religion has such a strong relationship to music. It's a thrill when a church is liberal enough to want us to come and play."

### **EDITORIALS**



# A Time to Give and Take

We come again to Lent, the holiest time of the church year. We are called to a life of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, ancient disciplines which still have a place in contemporary spirituality. Lent is a distinctive, challenging season, one which can be difficult and yet rewarding. At one time, Lent was a period in which adult converts prepared for baptism and all Christians renewed their faith as the season progressed, reaching its culmination during Holy Week. It is worth noting that some churches have tried to recover that tradition, preparing candidates for baptism during these 40 days and having them baptized at the Great Vigil of Easter.

In places where the customary Lenten disciplines are practiced, there are often persons who will criticize such traditions as out of date, individualistic or petty. We would beg to differ. In a hedonistic age such as this, such practices of Lent as fasting and praying would seem to be all the more in order.

The tradition of giving up something for Lent still is useful, especially if we add something. Giving up smoking, or a particular unhealthy food, or swearing during Lent can be helpful, but taking on something such as an extra church service, additional Bible reading or visiting a shut-in may be particularly beneficial, especially if it becomes permanent.

# Helpful Lenten Reading

Of all the times of year, Lent would seem to be the season in which reading of books is most appropriate. During this season, while many of us are paying more attention to our spiritual lives, reading books on various aspects of the church or spirituality is a natural and rewarding exercise. A biography of a saint, the writings of the leaders of the early church, commentaries on the scriptures, or works by contemporary authors can enrich our faith and help us to observe a holy Lent.

This Lent Book Issue is published in response to the increased amount of reading we do in Lent. It includes advertisements of recently published books, reviews of possible seasonal reading and articles pertaining to literary matters. An interview with novelist Gail Godwin and an article adapted from a soon-to-be-published biography on Richard Hooker highlight this special issue. We will be delighted if this issue is helpful to persons who are planning their Lenten reading.

# What happened to those who made up the "center" of the Episcopal Church?

Embracing the

### By Gerald Sevick

What happened to those who made up the "center" of the Episcopal Church? This important question must be explored if we in the church are going to find a healthier way to deal with one another, if we going are to move away from the secular model of constituency politics and tactics and embrace a more faith-filled approach to conflict, confrontation and the issues that divide.

First of all, it is important to understand what the center is not:

1. The center is not "the in-between" place. Those in the center do not stand looking one direction and then the other attempting to "see" both sides of an issue. The center is not a group of fence sitters waiting to see which way the wind blows.

**2.** The center is not a group of people with no position on issues presented for discussion. It is not an area with no boundaries, or of those not knowing where to stand.

**3.** The center is not a confused lot waiting to have someone explain what is going on.

I believe the center is a dynamic and vital position in the church. People often see the issues the church faces as having but two legitimate positions. The center needs to reassert itself as a valid position in the church and not the place where the unthinking, confused or apathetic live. How might we begin to define the center? The center holds that:

1. Living the Christian life means living within paradox. The Christian faith is strongest when the tensions of the spiritual life are allowed to stand (to gain life one must lose it; to receive one must give, to be first one must be last...). For those in the center, those who are at the extremes in the church not only have a place in the church but play an important role in holy discernment.

**2.** The church is at her best when she does not seek to change minds but rather seeks to convert through the gospel of *aga pe* love. The center is neither hesitant about change, nor too frightened to face conflict, but is concerned about the manner in which we bring about change and growth.

**3.** Conversion, or change or growth, whether in my life or in another person's life, is holy and healthy when it stems from established implications and precedents and considers the health of the soul of the individuals and of the church.

4. Conversion involves the ability to honor and value the other side of an issue. Those in the center believe that the truth spoken must not be cast aside because it seems irrelevant or an unwarranted complication.

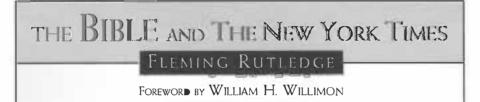
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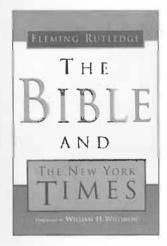
Christian values and truths that are essential for the Church's mission and ministry from all sides of an issue. The center hears the voices of the many sides and wishes to honor the truth they hold and to allow them a place to exist in the church.

During the past two decades or more, it has been increasingly difficult to claim the center as a legitimate position in the church Today, the center is depicted as having nothing valid to say to the issues the church faces. Those in the center are explained away as people who want the church to be a "no conflict zone." The call from the "left" and "right" is to join a side or get out of the way.

Those seeking to win the day have identified the center as the group to "convince" and "win," the "neutrals," the undecided constituency that must



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be brought over to the correct side. This perspective sees the center as static, unwilling or unable to make decisions without help. This perspective sees and gives no value to the center as a position one may honorably take. I think the incredible thing is that the center began to believe it also.

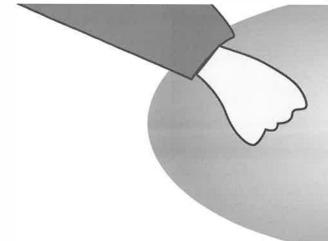
The church, too, has come to see the center as an invalid place to stand. There is no place for dialectic thinking. We are willing to jettison one value in order to maintain another. The center has lost its place in the dialogue. The message that there is something holy to be discovered in the tension and paradox of the issues was first discounted as irrelevant, then ignored and finally rejected.

I believe that the center may have been living with a couple of misconceptions. The first is that the extremes will burn out if given enough time. There was a "wait it out" attitude. The second is an understanding that the church has never completely "gone over the edge," therefore it never will.

There may also have been the belief that God would not let the tactics of the extremes cause the destruction (as opposed to the transformation) of the church as she now exists. There are those in the center who are beginning to understand the extent to which the various sides will go in order to win. The desire to remove any other voice but their own has meant that, using secular political tactics, one group has taken hold of the agenda, the process, and the microphone. This leaves all others out of true dialogue.

At conventions, resolutions are proposed for the purpose of identifying the battle lines ("Whose side are you on?"). The center is told that one has to vote for one side or the other. So, because each of us does "lean" toward one side or the other, a side is taken. This is done knowing that damage has been done to their own set of values and that they are giving up the truth they hear from the opposite side. A vote is taken, a side wins and the center is negated or lost.

We elect people based upon the "side" they are on. Bishops are expected to have a constituency they



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speak for rather than a diocese they pastor and lead. We must be able to "politically identify" all the players.

In our society and church, if one wants to be unpopular one only needs to stand and speak as a part of the center. To seek the truth and honor the truth and values each side holds will not only result in unpopularity but will also place one outside the dialogue.

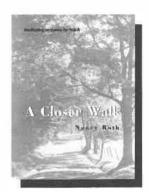
I believe that this response has damaged and continues to damage the church. Maybe once we recognize the damage we can begin to acknowledge that the center is not an impediment to change or a means of maintaining the status quo but a vital way the Holy Spirit works within the church.

The center does not embrace the truth while ignoring the lies or inconsistencies of each side. The center is not naive about the motives of some or the blindness of others. The center is willing to live with the weeds in the field for the sake of the wheat. Often, in order to win, the many sides will allow some inconsistencies to exist in their arguments and approach. A faithful center understands this reality and factors it into the equation.

Is it possible for the center to reassert itself? Is it possible to allow the center a legitimate and viable place in discerning our way through the confusion? Is it possible to honor those who embrace the middle way? I believe it is.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Vocal Presence

I would applaud most of the conclusions of your editorial, "WCC Not Encouraging," on the World Council of Churches' eighth assembly in Harare, Zimbabwe [TLC, Jan. 17]. I was amused at its juxtaposition next to the editorial, "Get to the Annual Meeting." It reminded me that our official representation at the WCC assembly was rather limited and probably not as representative as it could have been.

Your point that the assembly and the WCC "does not include the Roman Catholic Church and full participation of the Orthodox" is misleading. Although the Roman Catholic Church is not an official member of the WCC, it participates very actively in WCC assemblies. Rome sent 26 officially delegated observers — theologians, bishops, priests and lay persons — and scores of unofficial observers. These persons were vocal and contributing participants.

One of the significant things the assembly did in Harare was to initiate a process for the creation of international Christian forums in which Rome could participate without surrendering her exclusive claim to being "the" true church.

The overwhelming majority of the world's Orthodox Christians, Chalcedonian and non-Chalcedonian alike, were effectively represented by a strong and vocal presence. Of course, there remains an element in Eastern Orthodoxy that resolutely rejects any and everything that comes out of Western Christianity and they continue to be irreconcilable. But this is not the fault of the WCC. It is a phenomenon of Christendom that was with us long before the WCC was ever conceived and something that, at least, the WCC is trying to address.

> (The Rev. Canon) David L. Veal Diocese of Northwest Texas Lubbock, Texas

### **Make It Simple**

I'd like to add a lay voice to the discussion of Total Ministry [TLC, Jan. 17], suggesting that the dialogue can be carried on in what linguists call "everyday language." Surely we can talk intelligently about Christian ministry without using such terms as "ontological state of being." ("Ontological/ontology" appeared six times in the two clergy letters.) Theology (words about God) can be spoken simply. Think of St. Francis, Mother Teresa, Jesus of Nazareth.

I have worked closely with clergy over many years. Sometimes there's a sense of "deep spiritual maturity," sometimes not.

Occasionally I've seen behavior that came across as arrogance, condescension, or wielding of power (this probably happens because our clergy, like the rest of us, including me, are human beings). I've also been privileged to encounter some wonderful examples of servant leadership.

Diocesan committees are sometimes asked to judge not only the spiritual maturity of people aspiring to ordination, but also the validity of their call. I often wonder how such assessments can be done. I hope it is with great humility. Believing that the Holy Spirit is abroad in this universe, we shouldn't be surprised that spirituality — mature or otherwise — is not always a function of the church, or even of religion.

Anne Cassel Batesville, Ind.

### **Dumbing Down**

I must respond to Patricia Nakamura's article, "This'll Get Their Attention" [TLC, Jan. 10].

Now, in addition to the dumbing down of America, we have the dumbing down of the church. According to the article, Fr. Bolin's Episcopal New Church Center in Walkersville, Md., has engaged J.J. Sedelmaier Productions, an agency that "creates breezy irreverent, animated spots for Doonesbury's Mr. Butts, the reborn Volkswagen Beetle and Saturday Night Live." What criteria was Fr. Bolin applying in that exercise?

The posters created by the Richards Group of Dallas seem to me beyond offensive as they are described. One resembling a "classical crucifixion scene" has scratched into it the words "of course people with pierced body parts are welcome in our church." This play on words is unacceptable. Where is the humbling awe and respect for the body of Christ? I find it difficult to believe that there was no one involved in the process, including Fr. Bolin, who would not look at those posters and say, "Something's wrong with this picture."

I wish Fr. Bolin would give some credit to those "young people, unchurched and dischurched," he is trying to reach. Give them the opportunity to let the liturgy seep into their bones with its staying power. Lift them, don't sink them. He is quoted as saying that his church is "for those looking for a relational experience with a different delivery system." This sounds to me like his operating base is off base.

Bob Garfield, writing in *Ad Review*, has it right in saying of the Episcopal New Church Center, "What it does not have is a great deal of taste," and that it is, not "proper to denigrate in a TV commercial the beliefs and cherished traditions of others."

> June A. Knowles Belmont, Mass.

### **Not Fictional**

I'd like to offer a point of clarification regarding Robert Cromey's review of D.M. Thomas' book *Alexander Solzhenitsyn: A Century in His Life* [TLC, Jan. 24]. Cromey writes that "The Gulag is the fictional name given to the concentration camp where Sanya... was imprisoned."

In actuality, Gulag is not a fictional name. Rather, it is the acronym for *Gosudarstvenoe Upravlenie Lageryax,* which can be translated State Directorate of Camps. The Gulag was the massive system of prison camps spread throughout the Soviet Union and administered from Moscow.

(The Rev.) Jim McCaslin Jacksonville, Fla.

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### The Great Temple Debate

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ommended a relatively unknown Oxford don, a theological moderate named Richard Hooker. Elizabeth, ever wary of Calvinists but anxious to appease both (and neither) of her chief advisors, accepted Whitgift's recommendation and appointed Hooker but, at the same time, left Burghley's favorite, Walter Travers, in place as reader. Hooker would preach on Sunday mornings, Travers on Sunday afternoons. The stage was set for a classic debate between rampant Calvinism and emergent Anglicanism.

Following unsuccessful efforts by Travers in 1585 to convert the new master to the presbyterian reforms, Travers began openly to dispute from the pulpit many of Hooker's sermons. Ignoring Hooker's private urgings that it was destructive to the peace and order of the church for a reader to publicly criticize the views of the rector, Travers continued to use the temple pulpit as a forum for spreading his radical ideas among an increasingly receptive congregation.

In the spring of 1586, Hooker gave three sermons at the temple, large portions of which have survived to give us a clear picture of the nature of his dispute with Travers. There were six major issues which, taken together, made up the principal controversies within the English church of the day. As Hooker reflected, preached and later wrote out his famous resolution of these issues, he was defining the character of the Anglican religious tradition to our own day.

These issues, in hot contention between the two gladiators at the temple, were framed by the aggressively promoted propositions of the more advanced elements of the dominant Calvinism in the Church of England at that time:

l. absolute "election" to salvation or damnation by God's pre-ordination;

2. damnation of all Roman Catholics present and past;

3. sole reliance on holy scripture as

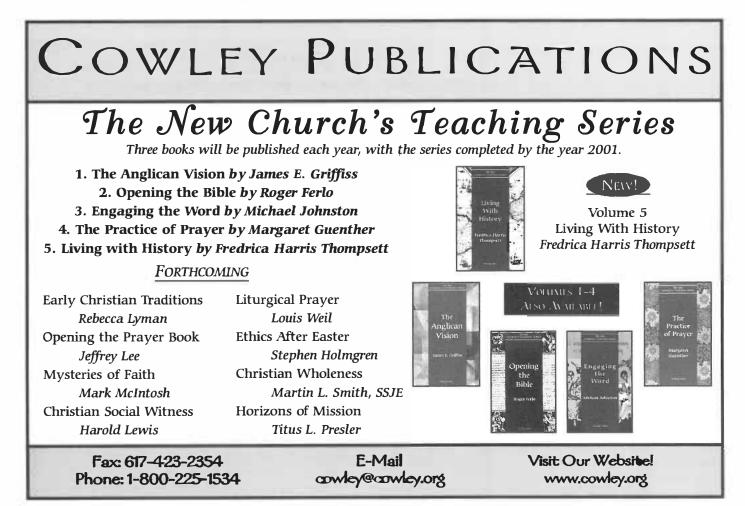
the only guide in all matters of faith and morals;

4. strict interpretation of the doctrine of justification by faith alone which excluded any role whatsoever for the importance of showing the fruits of salvation in good works;

5. puritanical liturgical reforms which diminished the role of music, art, clerical vestments, saints days, etc., elevated the importance of preaching, diminished the sacraments and emphasized private over corporate prayer; and

6. the presbyterian polity which diminished, or eliminated, the role of bishops, elevated the laity, and tended toward a congregational form of church governance.

In the great debate, Hooker rejected all of these ideas. In their place he set forth the broad, inclusive Church of England, rooted in Calvinist theology but rejecting exclusivist claims to "election," puritanical tendencies in worship, anti-historical and anti-ratio-



nal proclivities in discovering and interpreting God's revelations and claims to scriptural warrant for the presbyterian polity.

Hooker preached that inclusiveness of membership, centrality of the sacraments and corporate (common) praver were the hallmarks of a worshiping community. Extemporaneous preaching, inspired revelations to "elected" individuals and claims to moral rectitude were all suspect as models for the church to follow. Yes, scripture was the primary source for discovering God's will in matters of salvation: but scripture required human reason to be understood. In other matters, especially if scripture was silent or ambiguous, the historical experience and teaching of the church, reason and common sense were valid guides to God's will.

As for Roman Catholics, Hooker stoutly denied they were all damned. In doing so, he stood almost alone in the English church, dominated as it was by zealous Calvinist hatred for all things papal and general fear throughout the country of invasion from Roman Catholic forces in Europe, Flying in the face of possible charges of heresy, or even treason, Hooker stood up in his pulpit and insisted that the despised Roman church was not only a true church, but the founding church of Christianity. Certainly thousands of Roman Catholics might be saved from damnation despite the heretical errors of the Roman church. Even the pope, he insisted, might be saved by God's mercy. In some respects, he said, the pope's errors were no worse than some of Luther's! Hooker used strong words to make his point:

I will not be afraid to say to a cardinal or pope ... Be of good comfort. Ours is a merciful God.

Let me die if ever it be proved that simple error excludes a pope or cardinal from all hope of eternal life. If it be an error to think that God may be merciful to save men even when they err, then my greatest comfort is my error. Were it not for the love I bear to this error, I would neither wish to speak nor to live.

Such sentiments may seem mild, even condescending, to us. But in Hooker's England, these were dangerously provocative words from a church leader. Travers quickly intimated to his friends in the privy counthat Hooker's cil ideas were treasonous. Hooker was never charged with any crime. But certainly his career as a rising star in the church was now at an end. After a few years he left (or was removed) from his post at the temple and given an absentee appointment which allowed him to stay in London and write his great book.

What Hooker had preached at the temple — and much more — he now began to set forth in lasting systematic form in his *Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity*, part of which first appeared in 1593. It is not too much to say that had it not been for the passion of controversy in the temple debates, Hooker would not have been stirred to write this definitive *apologia* for Anglicanism which continues to illuminate our church. But his career as a church leader, so brilliantly begun, was at an end. He had gone too far in opposition to the dominant Calvinism of the day. In 1595, he was "retired" to a small quiet parish in rural Kent, where he died in 1600.

History would call him the "judicious Hooker" because of his moderate position on most issues and because of his quiet ending as a rural pastor. But, at the Temple Church, he showed himself to be a man of uncommon courage. Here was a human being, as worthy of respect and emulation for what he was willing to risk in the cause of truth as he saw it, as any other founder of a great religious tradition.

The great debate at the Temple Church is a dramatic, memorable and founding episode in the history of our branch of Christ's church, as surely as the 95 theses at Wittenberg are for Lutherans and Wesley's warm heart is for Methodists.

Philip B. Secor, of Hellertown, Pa., is a member of Trinity Church, Bethlehem, Pa. He is author of forthcoming biography of Richard Hooker to be published in June by Burns & Oates.



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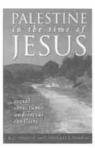
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> (The Rev.) A. Dean Calcote Beaumont, Texas

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American Religion in the New Millennium By Richard Cimino and Don Lattin Jossey-Bass. Pp. 240. \$25 (includes CD)

Take Chicago, for instance: more Muslims than Jews, more Thai Buddhists than Episcopalians, more than 80,000 Hindus attending 17 different temples.

Like prophets of old, two religion journalists — Cimino of *Religion Watch* and Lattin of the *San Francisco Chronicle* — look at the present and predict the future. They do so in what is basically a report, though with ample caveats of what must change if certain churches are to survive.

After a review of the current spirituality/seekers movement and a look at the evangelical church growth movement, the authors survey wellknown data about the decline in membership in mainline churches. Not surprisingly, we learn that even among the mainline churches the largest are now evangelical, that the "strict" churches are experiencing the greatest growth, and that among liturgical churches the highest rises are among "traditional congregations."

More revealing, however, is the impact that the spirituality movement has had on all churches and culture in general — pulling together faith and medicine, for example, and introducing Christians to the spiritual practices of other faiths. Other insights include the authors' observations of postdenominational Christianity: Denominations no longer divide us, but the hot-button issues — the role of women, homosexuality, abortion do; yet at the same time these issues "unite" us across denominational lines, producing cooperation around social issues.

The prediction for those of us in the liturgical tradition? Churches which learn to combine ritual and spirituality will survive.

> (The Rev.) Travis Du Priest, book editor

### From Sacrament to Contract

Marriage, Religion, and Law in the Western Traditions By John Witte, Jr. Westminster John Knox. Pp. 315. \$24 paper

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Witte wisely warns us against both nostalgia toward, and dismissal of, the wisdom of prior ages. Beyond the purposes of this work but implicit in his trajectory is the necessity to acknowledge both the Christian orthodox critique of the Enlightenment and the often overlooked Christian content in much of it. He acknowledges that the present model in many of its roots "was every bit as religious in inspiration as earlier Christian constructions . . ."

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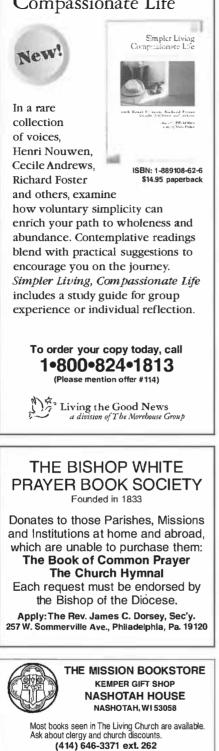
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Margaret, the protagonist and first-person narrator, is a parish priest and a deeply spiritual person. We see her in liturgical and pastoral roles. We hear the voice of her spiritual life: her internal musings and questionings, her conversations with Adrian, her husband (also a priest), and her prayer life. After a day filled with tensions and surprises, Margaret

describes her process of praying: "Now, lying in the dark of my own rectory, I tried to pray, but echoes and images from the day crowded upon the blank screen of my intentions ... I had given up trying to fight these reruns ... Meanwhile I tried to stay connected to a quieter part of me who waited in the background for the cessation of all this outer business."

These verbalized thoughts, and other similar particularizing details, function as a spiritual commentary, interwoven into the fabric of the novel. Godwin's choice to provide this commentary will not engage all readers, but for many it will strike a familiar and satisfying chord.

For a broader audience, this novel's interest may reside in her choice of theme—a theme seen in other of Ms. Godwin's novels—that of parent-child relationships, and, in particular, the impact on that relationship of the absence of a parent.

An earlier novel, *Father Melancholy's Daughter*, portrayed the quest of a daughter to come to terms with her mother's absence; this novel shifts the focus to the father-son relationship. In fact, this novel continues the narrative begun in the previous novel, with Margaret Gower now an Episcopal priest, and, like her father, a rector of a small North Carolina parish (All Saints, High Balsam). As the novel begins, Margaret has been married for six years. Godwin's seamless weaving of past into present is one of the pleasures of the novel.

The parent-child theme in this novel

is developed in part through Adrian. As Margaret in the previous novel had grown up without a mother, in this novel we hear Adrian's story of having been abandoned by his parents and having grown up in an orphanage. Now he

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works as an interim headmaster at a school for children who have been psychologically and spiritually abandoned by their parents.

Constellating with Adrian in the developing of this theme are two intriguing characters. One is Tony, an elderly, engaging itinerant lay brother traveling from his monastery in New York on a Greyhound Millennium Pass (when he meets Margaret he says he

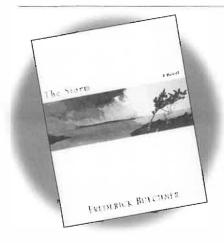
recognizes her from a photo he claims—mistakenly—to have seen in TLC). Another is Chase Zorn, one of Adrian's problem students. Chase is the 16-year-old cast-off son of Radford Zorn, an entrepreneur who has made a fortune building "happy home town" theme parks but whose own home—for his son—is anything but happy.

The theme of parent-child relationships is linked with the theme of marriage relationships. As the novel begins, Margaret is making her preparations for the wedding ceremony of two parishioners. As she does so, she muses on her own marriage: the rich and rewarding memories and the troublesome situation of the present. As the novel develops, the harmonies and dissonances of that marriage are further explored.

Finally, the title. Not until the conclusion of the novel does the significance of *Evensong* become clear. A peculiar comment early in the novel functions as clue. As Margaret is recounting a snippet of bed-time banter between herself and Adrian. she allows that although its intimacy is actually negligible, "even this may be too much for the one I am remembering it for." When the last pages are reached, this comment becomes clear, the first sentence of the novel takes on new significance, and the true audience is revealed. This revelation clarifies the title, unites the parent-child and the marriage theme, and rounds off a satisfying tale.

> Mabel Benson Du Priest Racine, Wis.

### BOOKS



**The Storm** *A Novel* By Frederick Buechner Harper. Pp. 199. \$18

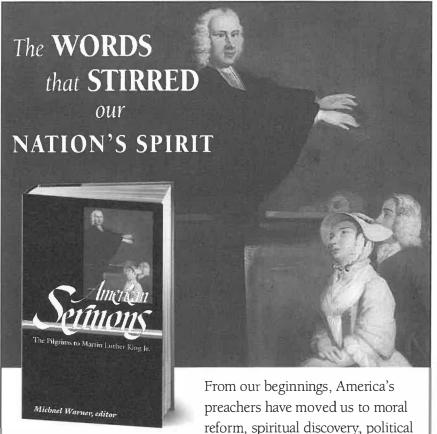
Long before people came to value "originality" in art, they valued poetic "invention" and "wit" in using traditional material. Shakespeare, for example, borrowed stories from Italian writers, Latin poets, English historians and others who had written before him, and reworked their material into the plays we cherish and enjoy. Mimesis, imitation, was a form of appreciation and the basis for art. Those who are familiar with Shakespeare's last play, The Tempest, will find special pleasure in the way Frederick Buechner takes the several characters and themes of the play and performs variations upon them in this delightful tale of romance, reconciliation, and redemption.

The story takes place on an island off the Florida coast and centers upon one estranged family consisting of two brothers who have not spoken to one another for 20 years and their stepchildren. One of the brothers is about to turn 70 and, through various twists of fate, the entire family comes to be on the island. A major storm develops and becomes the vehicle for all to see what they need to see, to recognize what is important in life, and to reconcile their false and broken lives. In a departure from Shakespeare's plot, the Prospero character is not in charge, but rather it is God who stands over the action. The island lacks enchantment at the beginning, but as the plot develops most of the characters (including an Episcopal bishop) become aware of the workings of Divine Providence. In the end, the island has become a most enchanting

place.

Mr. Buechner's prose and character development are marvelous. He is especially good with saints (remember Godric?), since he understands in a profound way and expresses more clearly than most other writers how tarnished and fallen, human and holy saints are. One hopes this is not Mr. Buechner's last fiction.

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# Tornado Destroys Trinity Church, Clarksville, Tenn.

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tive historic districts into what many described as a "war zone," with rubble from 150 damaged or destroyed buildings clogging the once stately streets and walkways. Clarksville's prominent Madison Street United Methodist Church (which recently completed a \$1.2 million renovation) was also destroyed, and the county seat's stately courthouse was badly damaged. Offices and stores were also severely damaged or destroyed, as were houses located near the downtown area. Austin Peav University, a large state campus adjacent to downtown, also suffered extensive damage.

Residents were amazed following the tornado that although the damage was pervasive, not one person died in the storm. There were only two minor injuries, one a campus security officer lifted up and thrown into a nearby wall while attempting to find shelter inside a building. The usually bustling downtown was nearly unpopulated when the tornado struck at 4 a.m. Fatalities were reported in other areas of Tennessee and Arkansas when a score of tornadoes was spotted as a severe weather front slowly moved through the mid-South.

Fr. Murray and the Rev. Doug Norfleet, pastor of the United Methodist church, met amidst the rubble after the tornado and agreed that the "church" is not either of their neighboring buildings, but is rather the people who gather to worship and fellowship. They reminded their congregations on Sunday morning that the people now gathered for worship in borrowed facilities is indeed the church.

The Rt. Rev. Bertram Herlong, Bishop of Tennessee, rearranged his schedule so he could be with the Trinity congregation for worship on the Sunday following the tornado. Speaking from the pulpit of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, which has offered to share the use of its facility with Trinity, the bishop noted a powerful image first suggested by a television news reporter. Although the roof had fallen in, the large limestone cross atop the front wall remained in place.

"The cross is still standing, a symbol of hope!" said Bishop Herlong. "The cross is a reminder of the power of God's love, which overcomes every adversity. The question we face this morning is not what life has done to us, but what we will do with life. Does God just stand by watching times of tragedy? No! God empowers us with hope and peace. God empowers us with love and the power to persevere. But we cannot do it by ourselves. That's why we need the church and the church needs us — to help us move confidently into the future no matter what perils are before us. The cross is still standing!"

The words to the second verse of the familiar hymn "How Firm a Foundation" were particularly relevant to the congregation: "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed! For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."

The Rev. Eric Fowlkes, pastor of Immaculate Conception, welcomed the 320 Trinity parishioners packed into his church as "first cousins in faith" and said his parish's offer of help to the Episcopalians was "unconditional."

In a meeting with the congregation, Bishop Herlong noted that this is the third time in 10 months that Episcopal churches in the Diocese of Tennessee, which covers the middle part of the state, had been destroyed by tornadoes. St. Ann's, Nashville, and St. John's, Mt. Juliet, were destroyed last April when two tornadoes ripped through downtown Nashville and beyond.

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# **Bishop Burroughs** || **BRIEFLY** of Ohio Dies

The Rt. Rev. Nelson Marigold Burroughs, 99, retired Bishop of Ohio, died Dec. 21 at a hotel in Boston, Mass. At the time of his death, he lived in Exeter, N.H., and had been in Boston to attend the annual carol service at Trinity Church.

"He was at heart a pastor to all people, especially his clergy," the Rt. Rev. J. Clark Grew, Bishop of Ohio, told the



Cleveland Plain Dealer. "They were devoted to him. He did so many small acts of generosity that nobody knows about. He had a great love for the congregations in his diocese. He loved being with the people in

Bishop Burroughs (1958 photo)

those churches." Bishop Burroughs oversaw the founding of 19 new congregations and the construction of 36 church buildings during his 16-year tenure.

A native of Bridgeport, Conn., Bishop Burroughs graduated from Wesleyan University and Berkeley Divinity School. He was ordained deacon and priest in 1925 and consecrated Bishop Coadjutor of Ohio in 1949. He was installed as diocesan in 1952. Before being elected bishop, he served as assistant at St. Paul's, Syracuse, N.Y., 1925-27, rector of St. Mark's, Syracuse, 1927-30, rector of St. John's, Troy, N.Y., 1930-39, and rector of Christ Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1939-49.

After his retirement, Bishop Burroughs helped to raise \$400,000 to build an addition to St. Christopher's, Chatham, Mass., and volunteered his counseling services to the church.

Bishop Burroughs is remembered in the Diocese of Ohio as being the founder of the Boar's Head and Yule Log, a traditional medieval English Yuletide event. He started the tradition while at Christ Church, Cincinnati, and brought it with him to Cleveland when he became bishop.

Bishop Burroughs is survived by his wife, the former Ann Bywater Cluett, three children and five grandchildren.

The Rt. Rev. Calvin O. Schofield, Jr., Bishop of Southeast Florida. announced at a Clergy Day Jan. 5 that he intends to retire in the summer of 2000, shortly after General Convention. He requested a May 2000 election of his successor, so that individual can be introduced to the House of Bishops at General Convention. At the time of his retirement, Bishop Schofield will be 67 years old and will have served more than 21 years as a bishop.

The Rev. Canon John L. Peterson, secretary general of the Anglican Communion, proposed to the Episcopal Church Club of Philadelphia on Jan. 20 that the Anglican Congress (a body of clergy and laity that has not met since 1964) be reinstituted, according to reporter David L. Virtue. Canon Peterson reasons that the congress, meeting alongside the bishops as equals, would effectively nullify

the strong voices of Third World bishops at future Lambeth Conferences. "The bishops will never again dictate such lofty resolutions," he said.

St. Francis Academy of Salina, Kan., has been recognized for the fourth time with Accreditation with Commendation, the highest level of accreditation awarded by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. St. Francis Academy provides sub-acute psychiatric hospital and outpatient services for youth and is part of an organiza tion which has campuses in seven states.

Correction: Because of an editor's error, the bishop named in the Order of Julian of Norwich article [TLC, Jan. 17] was incorrect. The Rt. Rev. Robert H. Johnson is Bishop of Western North Carolina.

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# SEAD Conference The Post-Lambeth Church Discussed

The 10th annual Scholarly Engagement with Anglican Doctrine (SEAD) conference was held Jan. 7-9 at the Cathedral of St. Luke and St. Paul in Charleston, S.C. Because of an unexpected medical ailment, the invited keynote speaker, John Webster, Lady Margaret Professor of Divinity at Oxford University, was unable to attend, and so individual SEAD members stepped in to address the situation of the church after last year's Lambeth Conference.

The Rev. David Scott, professor of theology and ethics at Virginia Theological Seminary, began the conference with an address titled "Contending for the Faith: Anglican Ecclesiology before the End Things." He asserted that the two current predominant views of the church were a "liberation ecclesiology" which has a tendency to "reduce eschatology to the present condition of oppression" and a "communion ecclesiology" which seems unable to express a tension between "this age and the age to come."

Speakers during the second day of gathering included the Rev. William Sachs, rector of St. Matthew's Church, Wilton, Conn., who used a historical view of Lambeth to plead for an "Anglican sense of doctrinal development" and a "theology of consensus," and the Rev. Ephraim Radner, rector of Church of the Ascension, Pueblo, Colo., who addressed the painful situation of "bad bishops" and "their significance for the Anglican Church." We need to acknowledge "our cultural distance" from the early church, Fr. Radner said. "We simply do not trust" as they did, both in God and in his appointed authorities.

The Rev. Christopher Seitz, former professor of Old Testament at Yale University and now at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland, began the conference's third day by addressing

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the question: "Does Anglicanism Have a Doctrine of Scripture Post Lambeth?" He claimed the truthful answer was "no. I count it as one of the real tragedies that modern Anglicans, many with very powerful positions, speak about an Anglican approach to scripture that is self-evidently bogus, and out of touch with Anglican Christian preaching and the history of Anglicanism, especially before the 19th century."

Fr. Seitz traced the history of this different understanding of scripture, suggesting that it began with the Oxford Movement in the 19th century, during which Edward Pusey's successors inadvertently established "an *entente cordiale*" between doctrine and historicism which was "neither possible nor desirable."

### Peace at Any Cost

The final speaker to address the assembly was the Most Rev. Donald Mtetemela, Archbishop of Tanzania. With regard to scripture and its authority, he said many bishops at Lambeth found a "peace at any cost" philosophy which seemed to prevail among Anglican leaders in the West. In contrast, he pleaded for a recovery of the priority of "God's mission to the world" against which backdrop we need to learn "how to read and interpret scripture faithfully."

He and many of his colleagues found at Lambeth a "shift away from affirming scripture as our final authority in all matters of faith."

In particular on the question of marriage and sexual ethics, Archbishop Mtetemela said Lambeth leaders "learned how divided we were on this subject." To him, the central question was one of conformity to culture or obedience to scripture. "We seem to want the easy way out," he said.

SEAD now will be headquartered in Charleston at the cathedral, where the next conference will be held April 8-10. The topic will be "Praying Our Faith: Celebrating 450 years of the Book of Common Prayer." The special guest speaker will be the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev. George Carey.

(The Rev.) Kendall Harmon

# Bishop Wolf of Maine Dies

The Rt. Rev. Frederick Barton Wolf, 76, retired Bishop of Maine, died Jan. 5 at Cedars Nursing Care Center in Portland, Maine. He had suffered a stroke in September.

"He brought everybody together," Rabbi Harry Sky, who went on a pilgrimage to Israel with Bishop Wolf in



1978, told the *Portland Press Herald*. "You looked for opportunities to do things with him ... He was one of the great men of Maine."

During his episcopate, Bishop

Bishop Wolf Wolf oversaw the founding of eight congregations. Also during his tenure, the Diocese of Maine became the first to make canonical provision for clergy sabbaticals. In his retirement, he practiced as a licensed clinical counselor and led retreats for people in recovery from

alcoholism. "He would often drop me short notes, cheering me on or gently sharing his wisdom about some aspect of episcopal ministry," said the Rt. Rev. Chilton Knudsen, Bishop of Maine.

"He knew everybody at every church by their first name," Michael Clark, member of Good Shepherd Church, Houlton, who served on diocesan council during Bishop Wolf's tenure, told the *Bangor Daily News*.

Bishop Wolf was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He graduated from Grinnel College and Seabury-Western Theological Seminary. He was ordained deacon in 1945, priest in 1946 and consecrated bishop in 1968. Before his election, Bishop Wolf served as rector of Holy Trinity, Belvidere, Ill., 1946-50, rector of St. Christopher's, Oak Park, Ill., 1950-54, dean of St. John's Cathedral, Quincy, Ill., 1954-57, and rector of St. Peter's, Bennington, Vt., 1959-68. He was associate secretary for leadership training in the department of Christian education for the Executive Council, 1957-59.

Bishop Wolf is survived by his wife, Barbara Buckley Wolf, three daughters and four grandchildren.

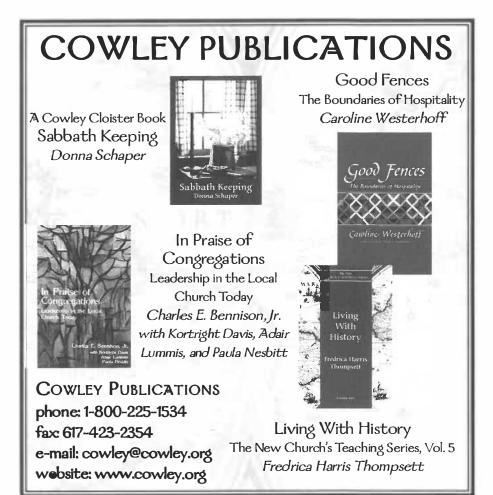
# **Church of England Makes Changes in Its Central Structure**

The Archbishop's Council, said by some to be the most significant change in the Church of England's administration since 1919, was scheduled to meet for the first time on Jan. 21. The formation of the council is one of several moves during this decade aimed at reshaping the church's management structure for the future. Critics of the council see it as "reshuffling of the furniture," said an article in the *Church of England Newspaper*.

The Rt. Rev. Michael Turnbull, leader of the commission that designed the council, said his two primary concerns were that the work of the council would "lose sight of the spiritual dynamic which was central to all our discussion on the commission and which we tried to convey in our report" and that in attempting to satisfy diverse opinions, the final structure would be "so finely balanced ... that it would cease to have the cutting edge which we originally intended."

In its research, the commission looked for and found defects of the existing central structures. One area of concern was that "there was no single body with overall responsibility for coordinating those aspects of church policy which were necessarily the subject of central planning," which he described as "a cat's cradle of autonomous bodies with distinctive but sometimes over-lapping functions."

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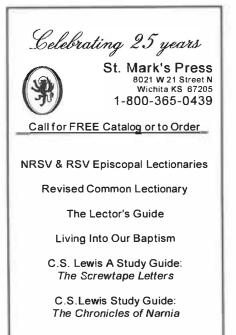
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