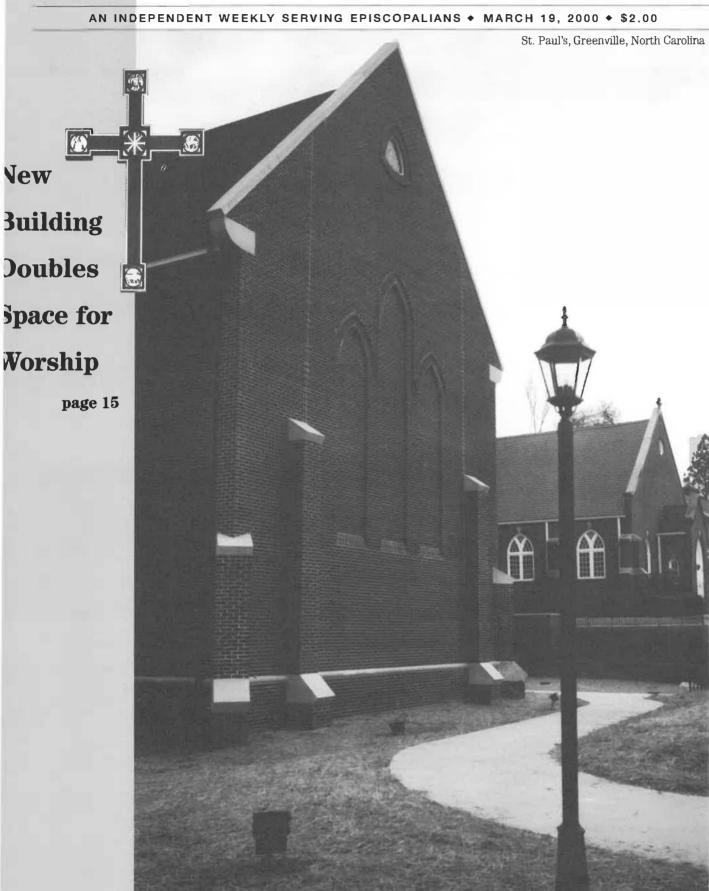
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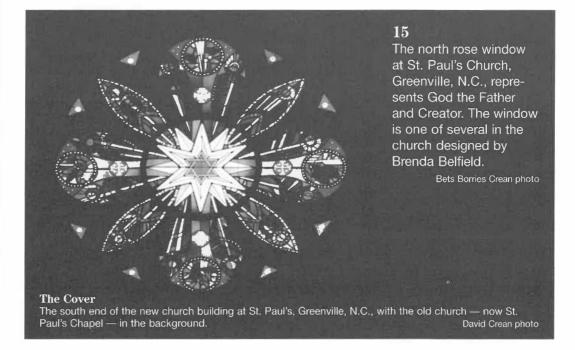
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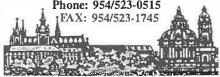
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God's Conservation Program

'Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you.'
(Psalm 16:1a)

The Second Sunday of Lent

Gen. 22:1-14; Psalm 16 or 16:5-11; Rom. 8:31-39; Mark 8:31-38

We live in a time of great concern about protecting the natural environment and conserving our resources of water, air, wild animals, native plants and trees, etc. Lent is the season in which we recall and renew our participation in God's conservation program, which has been on going long before our society noticed the need for creating wildlife refuge areas or legislation to control pollution.

When the psalmist cries out to the Lord for protection and refuge by claiming God as his Lord and greatest good (vs. 1), he is participating in God's eternal conservation program. It's a bit different than the ones created by our government. In fact, it may seem counter-productive on the surface. Look at some of the features of God's way from today's readings: He calls Abraham to sacrifice the cherished, promised son, Isaac; he rebukes Peter, the chief disciple of Jesus; he warns that the only path to salvation is self-denial. This kind of program does not give the warm fuzzies that come from saving the whales!

Of course, the psalmist knows that if we are to receive and enjoy the blessing of God's counsel, teaching, joy-giving presence, indeed, our very "portion and cup" (sustenance and destiny), we must bless the Lord and set him before us. In other words, we are to be willing to withhold nothing from God's will as Abraham did and see God's provision as the result. Jesus' interaction with his disciples reveals that God protects us by testing and correcting us as much as by assuring us of his purpose for us. The key to sharing in God's conservation program is the surrender to the cross of Jesus as Savior and Lord. When we sign on to God's program, knowing in Christ that he is for us, justifying us, praying for us, sustaining us against all spiritual pollution and the toxins of the world, the flesh and devil, then we have that victory which nothing of our own creating can give us.

If we are ashamed of God's protection in Jesus, we leave his refuge and are lost. Sunday is the day to renew and reclaim our share in his conservation program of the cross.

Look It Up

Psalm 16:11 speaks of the "path of life" and the "fullness of joy" at God's right hand. What is the "beatific vision" and its relationship to this promise?

Think About It

Have you invested as much concern, energy, time and financial resources into the conservation of your own soul, the souls of fellow believers and the lost as you have given for the protection and recovery of the earth and its various species? What should be the balance of the two?

Next Sunday

The Third Sunday of Lent

Ex. 20:1-17; Psalm 19:7-14; Rom. 7:13-25; John 2:13-22

A Selection to Inspire Work in the Parishes



CARING MINISTRY: A Contemplative Approach to Pastoral Care. By Sarah A. Butler. Continuum. Pp. 158. \$19.95.

Readers here find a vision of pastoral care grounded in prayer and dialogue with God. "We minister," writes Sarah Butler, "not only out of what we know but out of who we are in Christ."

I AM: Teaching Sermons on the Incarnation. By Penelope Duckworth. Abingdon. Pp. 111. \$10 paper. These sermons on the Incarnation take this essential of our faith out of Christmas and into the entire year. Taking her topics from scripture, Penelope Duckworth brings poetry ancient and modern into her expositions of what the Incarnation means for day-to-day life.



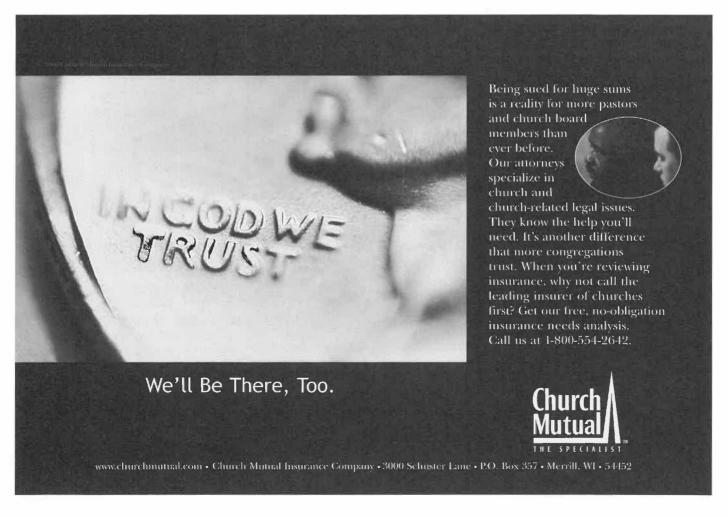
PREACHING THROUGH THE YEAR OF MARK: Sermons that Work VIII. Edited by Roger Alling and David J. Schlafer. Morehouse. Pp. 127. \$9.95 paper.

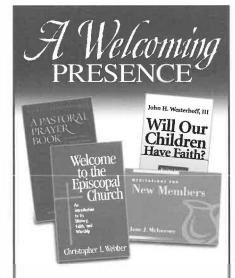
This eighth volume in a series

focused on proficiency in homiletics turns its scope to lectionary Year B, during which Mark's gospel forms the basis for readings. Collected from both the 1998 Preaching Excellence Program and from clergy throughout the nation, these 39 sermons find some of their best expression in the Epiphany homily of editor David J. Schlafer.

PREACHING THE NEW MILLENNIUM. By John Killinger. Abingdon. Pp. 158. \$15 paper.

The end of the second millennium after the birth of Christ does more than provoke both fear and hope throughout the world, writes Killinger. It offers an opportunity to preach the gospel in response to hopes and fears that none of us will ever have again. After four chapters of introductory material, he shares with readers six of





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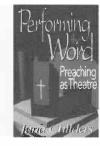
his own sermons that address particular aspects of the meaning of the gospel for the new millennium.

SERMONS OF A DEVOTED HERETIC: A Priest Offers Messages of Hope to Faithful Doubters. By Harry T. Cook. Center for Rational Christianity. Pp. 120. \$12.95 paper.

This collection of sermons places a value on intellectual honesty that is refreshing, though this reviewer would emphasize genuine doubt as the servant of ultimate faith. Grounded in today's headlines, the sermons come with the recommendation of Bishop John Spong.

TRANSITIONS IN WORSHIP: Moving from Traditional to Contemporary. By Andy Langford. Abingdon. Pp. 144. \$14 paper.

Taking his cue from John Wesley's liturgical approach, one that "holds both gospel and human experience in tension," Andy Langford offers a blueprint for congregational self-assessment and toward the development of worship. As general editor of the United Methodist Book of Worship, he urges pastors and people alike to ask themselves, "What are we doing in our worship?"



PERFORMING THE WORD: Preaching as Theatre. By Jana Childers. Abingdon. Pp. 152. \$16 paper.

Homiletics professor Jana Childers alerts preachers to the places at which their office corresponds with or can be enhanced by the technique of actors. She emphasizes speaking skills and dramatic delivery.

SEARCHING FOR SEEKERS: Ministry with a New Generation of the Unchurched. By Mary J. Scifres. Abingdon. Pp. 177. \$15 paper.

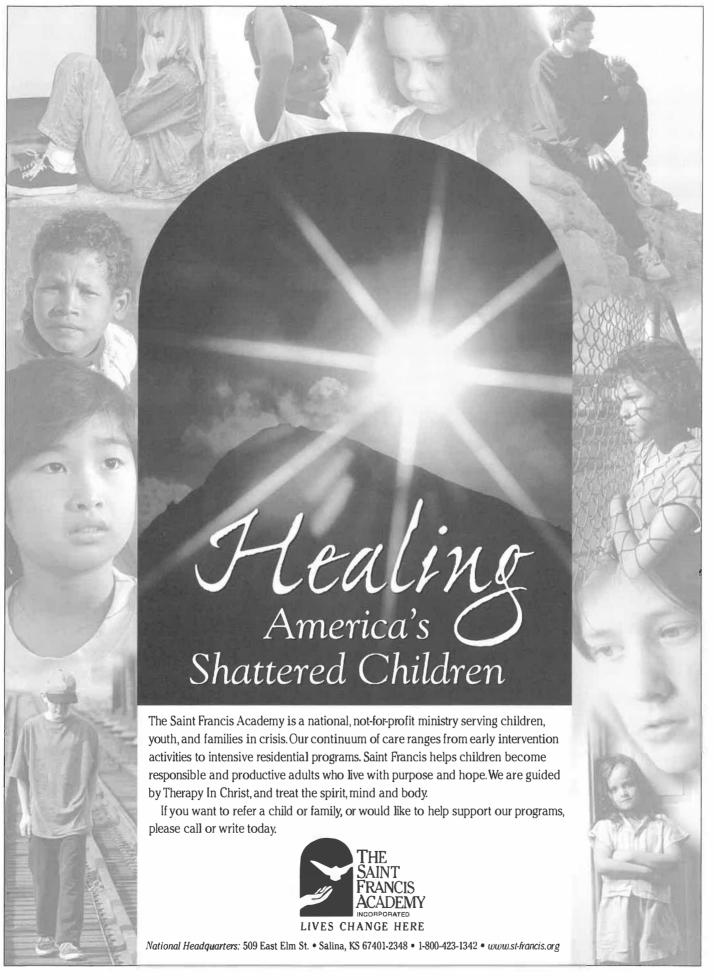
"seekers" Scifres categorizes according to several models: those with upbringings or education hostile

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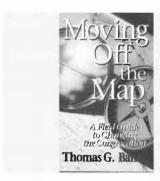
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to Christianity, those who had some exposure as children to the Christian faith, and those with minimal serious adult church activity outside major holidays. Each group, she writes, has different needs and expectations about returning to church. Here she offers her suggestions for worship and pastoral efforts directed at all.



MOVING OFF THE MAP: A Field Guide to the Changing Congregation. By Thomas G. Bandy. Abingdon. Pp. 278. \$18 paper.

Bandy gives a step-by-step frame-

work for the transformation of stagnated individual congregations into mission-oriented communities. His explanation of the ways and means stresses practical tools rather than intangible goals.

IN THE CARPENTER'S WORKSHOP: An Exploration of the Use of Drama in Story Sermons. By Jerry Eckert. CSS Publishing. Pp. 76. \$12.50 paper.

This volume sets forth examples of sermons delivered not by one person. but rather by a group of people with different roles. Scripts suggest dramatic presentations of key gospel themes.

CRISIS PREACHING: Personal and Public. By. Joseph R. Jeter, Jr. Abingdon. Pp. 179.

Jeter draws attention to the importance of sermons during "difficult" times, after disasters or during some particularly disorienting time in parochial life. He closes with sample

sermons given during times of congregational crisis, in the aftermath of the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing and a number of other situations.

> Richard J. Mammana, Jr. New York, N.Y.

Christian Engagement with Judaism

Edited by W.D. Davis Trinity. Pp. 321. \$29

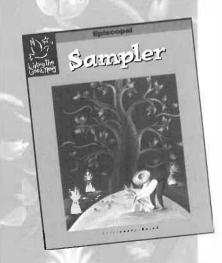
Anti-Judaism and the Gospels

Edited by William A. Farmer Trinity. Pp. 311. \$24 paper

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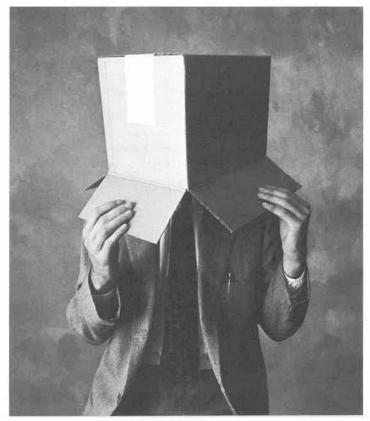
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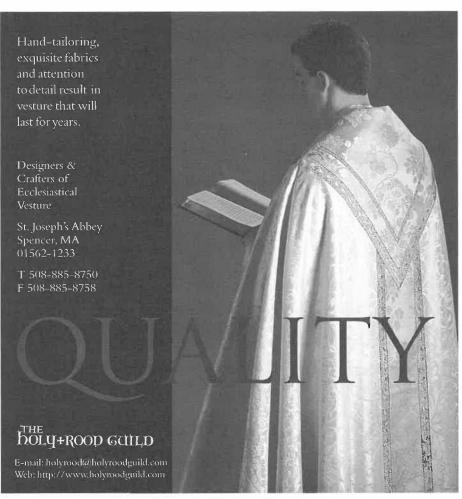
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clear that hatred of the Jews is not rooted in scripture.

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The second section deals with Paul and Judaism with discussions of the law, the exodus and the allegory of the two olives in Romans 11:13-24. The next deals with the background of the gospels, focusing on Matthew and John. Another section is a study of the American engagement with Judaism, especially in relation to the Mormon claims to be descendants of the Jews. The final section deals with mystical anti-Semitism and the role of "The Jews" in Jesus' crucifixion. Preachers and teachers will find this a wonderful review of New Testament studies

Anti-Judaism and the Gospels is a collection of papers given by biblical experts in a research project on the topic. Papers were written and presented with responses to each paper by other scholars. Christian and Jewish scholars participated.

The first three essays deal with anti-Semitism in Matthew, Luke and John. "The Jews" are mentioned many times in John, which often is seen as the most anti-Semitic of the gospels. The scholars point out "the Jews" may refer to Jewish people, the Judaens, or Jewish leaders. One must work carefully to get at those distinctions before labeling the Gospel of John as anti-Semitic. This is just one of many examples of the interesting and complex issues dealt with in these essays.

The last three papers deal with the temple, critical studies of the gospels and a final reflection on anti-Judaism in the New Testament.

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

Euthanasia and the Churches

Edited by Robin Gill Cassell. Pp 136. \$19.95 paper.

This book will surely accomplish its purpose, to stimulate further reasonable debate in the church over the subject of euthanasia. Christian ethicists and clinicians address the changing attitudes toward it among Christians. They touch on the range of issues usually elicited with opinion weighted somewhat toward caution concerning legislation. There is ample material for further consideration as the brevity leaves many questions urging additional exploration.

Perhaps other readers will join this reviewer in recognizing the difficulty of engaging in such debate in order to learn and not to persuade and wandering how that fact should inform and guide our further efforts to progress beyond stalemate. The conclusion of Robin Gill in his presentation offers a haunting stimulus, "I fear we are still too confused to legislate safely in this area."

> (The Rev.) William Beachy Rosseau, Ontario, Canada

Development as Freedom

By Amartya Sen Knopf. Pp. 298. \$24.95

In a world changing so rapidly with so many cultural permutations, it is wise for Christians to acknowledge some valuable allies from other traditions. One such is Armartya Sen, winner of the Nobel Prize for Economics in 1998, chosen for his writings on poverty and famine, and especially for his having brought to the field ethical and moral insights.

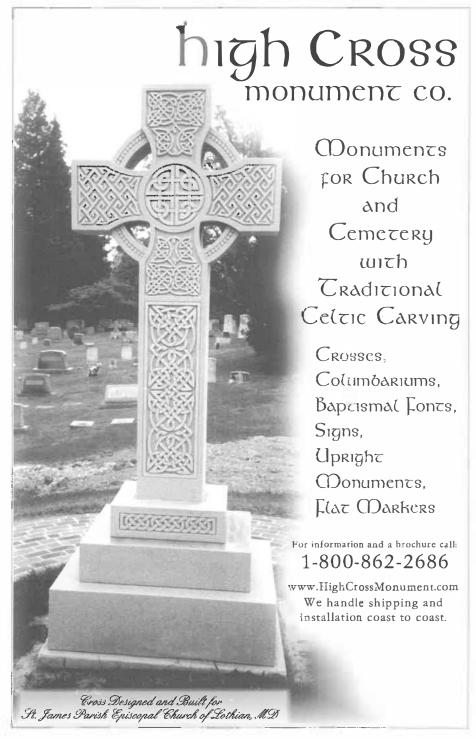
In his new book, Development as Freedom, his arguments are very similar to those of some of the African bishops at the Lambeth Conference with regard to the essential importance of considering not just monetary goals in the international world of business but likewise inescapably, also the humane factors.

He feels that altruism and pragmatism both insist that development cannot take place in long-range terms unless one takes into account the needs of the poorest and the leasttrained for education, training, health care and child care.

He has had a direct and significant impact on the policies of the World Bank, the IMF, and the World Trade Organization, and represents a serious

value in seeing in other traditions (he may be called a secular Hindu) values much like those of Matthew 25 and other teachings and practices which constitute our own Christian witness. Romans 2:15 comes to mind.

> (The Rev.) Ward McCabe San Jose, Calif.



End to Provincial Structure Proposed

A resolution to discontinue the church's existing system of provinces will be presented to the 73rd General Convention in July by the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church.

The resolution, contained in the commission's report to convention, will be offered "as opportunities for the General Convention to express its will" as to whether the present provincial system should be continued or eliminated in favor of more flexible arrangements for mission and ministry, the report states.

Under the current structure of provinces, dioceses are grouped into geographic areas, with eight involving domestic dioceses and the ninth comprised of dioceses in Central America.

The resolution advocates discontinuance of the provinces as of the adjournment of the 74th General Convention, in 2003. It would provide support for the ongoing mission and ministry of the networks that now exist within the provinces.

The Rev. Canon John Kitagawa, of the Diocese of Maryland, who chairs the commission, said the resolution was intended to give some direction to the commission.

"We don't want to end up with a request to 'please study this'," he said. "We want the convention to tell us what it wants, or what it wants us to do serious work on."

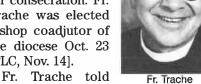
The resolution also directs the structure commission to prepare and present all canonical and rules-of-order amendments necessary for the provinces to be discontinued.

Consecration Called Off in Atlanta

For the second time in less than two months, the consecration of a bishopelect has been canceled.

Eight days before the March 4 consecration of the Rev. Robert G. Trache, the standing committee of the Diocese of

Atlanta, in consultation with the office of the Presiding Bishop and others, withdrew its consent for consecration. Fr. Trache was elected bishop coadjutor of the diocese Oct. 23 [TLC, Nov. 14].



TLC that his attor-

neys asked him not to make public statements on the matter until it is resolved.

"This decision is a result of very recent discoveries of lack of disclosure in personal financial and family matters," said a news release from the diocese. "The standing committee is no longer confident in Trache's ability to function as Bishop of Atlanta."

Cary Patrick, communications director for the diocese, said the concerns came to light during the week of Feb. 21.

An investigation by *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* revealed that Fr. and Mrs. Trache had filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy in federal court. "Chapter 7 is designed for individuals... who wish to start over but cannot pay their debts from their incomes. Under this chapter, the individual debtor is permitted to keep certain exempt property and the remaining property is sold to satisfy creditors," according to the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts' website.

The Rev. Richard Callaway, president of the standing committee, told the newspaper, "Bankruptcy is not something we can talk about. The issues are not so much what has gone on, but how they handled the decisions they made and how they were disclosed to the body of the faithful." He added that anyone could have those kinds of prob-

lems. "Those are not the kind of things that disqualify someone."

The lack of disclosure was, for the standing committee, in the way Fr. Trache described the financial and family problems. He identified them as "personal stuff" of "the kind that ... overwhelms people in their lives."

"I am grateful for the long, hard and prayerful work of our standing committee that, even through it was the last hour, had the courage to do what they firmly felt was the right thing," said the Rt. Rev. Frank Allan, Bishop of Atlanta, in a letter to the diocese. "Theirs was not an easy decision, and it was not without tears.

"I am deeply sorry for what both the Traches and our diocese are going through at this time, but I also know that this is a strong and resilient diocese and that, in spite of all, God reigns and grace will prevail."

Until his election, Fr. Trache was rector of St. James' Church, Richmond, Va. He will not return to that parish. The senior warden of St. James', Lilo Ukrop, said, "... we're two months into the search process for a new rector and we're going to keep going in that direction."

Of concern to many are the others affected by this decision, clergy and administrators who have resigned from previous positions to work on Fr. Trache's team.

Bishop Allan delayed his retirement date by an extra week, to March 12, to help the diocese make decisions for the interim. The standing committee will be the ecclesiastical authority until a successor can be elected and installed.

The withdrawal of consent for Fr. Trache's consecration follows by less than two months the resignation of the Rev. A. James MacKenzie as bishopelect of Eastern Oregon, just three weeks after his election [TLC, Jan. 23].

Fr. MacKenzie acknowledged "inappropriate e-mail exchanges" which, when brought to light, raised questions about his suitability for the office of bishop.



Ira Leidel of Eastern Michigan helps at a building site in Honduras, where she was joined by other spouses of bishops for a week of work (story at right).

Kate Smith photo

It Really Is *Déjà Vu* All Over Again

The Diocese of Mississippi will have its third Bishop Duncan Montgomery Gray. The Rev. Duncan M. Gray III, rector of St. Peter's Church, Oxford, Miss.,



Fr. Gray

was elected Bishop Coadjutor of Mississippi Feb. 26 at St. Andrew's Cathedral in Jackson. The bishop-elect was chosen on the third ballot by a majority vote of clerical and lay delegates.

"I'm truly humbled by this whole

process and the election and look forward to offering what gifts that may have been discerned in me to the diocese," said bishop-elect Gray. "It's my home — where I've been nurtured and shaped and formed — and I'm thrilled with the opportunity to offer these gifts."

Fr. Gray is the son of the Rt. Rev. Duncan M. Gray, Jr., seventh Bishop of Mississippi, who served from 1974 to 1993, and the grandson of the Rt. Rev. Duncan M. Gray, fifth bishop, whose episcopate extended from 1943 to 1966.

The bishop-elect is a graduate of the University of Mississippi and Virginia Theological Seminary. He was ordained deacon in 1975 and priest in 1976. He served as curate at St. James', Greenville, Miss.; chaplain of Trinity School, New Orleans, La.; and associate at Holy Communion, Memphis, Tenn.,

before he became rector of St. Peter's.

The new bishop will serve from the office of the diocese in Jackson, and will work with the Rt. Rev. A. C. Marble, Jr., Bishop of Mississippi. He will initially have responsibility within the diocese for missions and clergy oversight and will assume such other duties as may be assigned by the diocesan.

Assuming consents, consecration of the bishop-elect will occur June 17, at the Municipal Auditorium in Jackson.

Fr. Gray, 50, and his wife, Kathryn, are the parents of two children.

Other candidates for election were the Very Rev. Henry L. Hudson, dean of Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, Ark.; the Rev. Elizabeth Claiborne Jones, rector of Epiphany, Atlanta, Ga.; the Rev. John R. Price, rector of St. Anne's, Annapolis, Md.; and the Rev. Leslie C. Smith rector of Trinity, Princeton, N.J.



Bishops' Spouses Build Homes in Honduras

In early February, 20 bishops' spouses left home and family to spend a week in Honduras, helping to build houses for a project of the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief (PBFWR). Among the volunteers was Kate Smith, wife of the Bishop of Connecticut, the Rt. Rev. Andrew D. Smith.

"Yes, we were invited to build houses," Mrs. Smith said, "but we were also really there to be immersed in the culture of Honduras and to learn as much as we could about the country and the people."

The spouses — all women — stayed at guest quarters in Our Little Roses, a home for abused or abandoned girls, in San Pedro Sula. Diana Frade, wife of the Bishop of Honduras, founded the home in 1988. The women had brought games and craft projects for the girls, and played with the children when their schedules allowed time.

On most mornings the women reported to the site near San Pedro Sula where the PBFWR is helping to build new homes for families left homeless by Hurricane Mitch in 1998. The five-room houses are made of cinder blocks with tin roofs, and have electricity and running water.

At the site, the spouses worked on 12 homes nearing completion. They filled in the low spots and holes in the foundations with broken cinder blocks and sand so that other workers could later pour cement floors. One day, the women formed a human chain to move a pile of blocks, and another day they filled in a huge puddle with sand and broken cinder blocks.

"I thought I was going to go build a house, but it really is a kingdom," Mrs. Smith said. "Who

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Bishop Schofield and Others Join Opposition of 'One Florida' Initiative

Members of the Diocese of Southeast Florida's commission on racism, justice and reconciliation, and parishioners from several congregations, were among the crowd of nearly 5,000 gathered at Gusman Center for the Performing Arts in downtown Miami on the afternoon of Feb. 3. They attended a hearing on the "One Florida" initiative, Gov. Jeb Bush's controversial proposed replacement for Florida's affirmative action statutes.

Although not on the list of speakers at the seven-hour hearing, racism commission chair Terrence Taylor placed into the record his own statement, on behalf of the commission, as well as a statement from the Rt. Rev. Calvin O. Schofield, Bishop of Southeast Florida, opposing the governor's plan.

In November Gov. Bush issued an executive order prohibiting the use of "racial or gender set-asides, preferences or quotas" in hiring, retention or promotion of state employees, awarding of state contracts and admission to state institutions of higher learning. In place of the affirmative action measures the proposed plan would abolish, the

governor suggested new programs that he feels would provide equity in education and in contracting.

Under the One Florida initiative, factors such as socio-economic background, first-generation college student and whether a student comes from a school ranked D or F (based on test scores) would replace the use of race and ethnicity as factor in university admission. Admission would be guaranteed to the top 20 percent of students in every high school; need-based financial aid would be increased: and additional resources would be made available to improve the quality of D- and F-ranked schools, which are attended by disproportionate number of minority students.

"... I feel that affirmative action is still very much needed in these United States," Bishop Schofield said in his statement, "and especially in the state of Florida, which has a less than honorable history of race relations ... All too often we award scholarships and educational privileges to the very few while ignoring the many."

Mary Cox

Bishops' Spouses Work in Honduras

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knows what else we're building? The girls at Our Little Roses get a lot of love and support, and they'll go back out into their communities in Honduras and pass it on. And at the housing project, it's the same kind of thing. People are going to come live there and raise themselves up and have a better community, and it will spread out. It's not just plunking down a house."

During the afternoons, the spouses visited area churches and heard about the work of the church in Honduras. "The Episcopal Church is extremely strong there. It's the

church of the poor in Honduras," Mrs. Smith said.

The spouses also visited one of the many clothing assembly factories in the areas, and heard from different women about their experiences working in the factories. One guest speaker, a graduate of Our Little Roses and now the wife of a local priest, monitors four factories for The Gap, which pays her through the Episcopal Church of Honduras. Most factories are not monitored, however, and working conditions are harsh.

Karin Hamilton

AROUND THE **DIOCESES**

Cut Short for Boycott

In an unprecedented move, the executive council of the Diocese of Upper South Carolina decided to shorten the annual diocesan convention Feb. 4-5 from two days to one day to support the NAACP boycott against the South Carolina tourism industry. The intent of the boycott is to put pressure on the state legislature to remove the Confederate battle flag from flying on the top of the statehouse.

The diocese passed resolutions in 1994 and 1997 asking for the removal of the flag to a more appropriate and less offensive place.

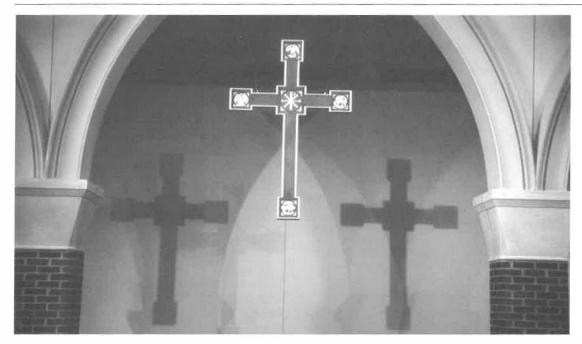
As a result of the decision to shorten the convention, a suggestion was made to ask the Adam's Mark Hotel, Columbia, which was originally scheduled to house the convention, to use the diocese's nonrefundable \$20,000 down payment to help feed the poor.

James Gibson, the Adam's Mark Hotel general manager, agreed to the suggestion and offered also to use the funds from all other groups who canceled because of the boycott to feed the needy. The Adam's Mark will provide box lunches to be distributed to the poor over several months' time.

Mr. Gibson said the agreement to use the fees to feed the poor was not related to the national church's decision to cancel plans to use the Adam's Mark in Denver as a site for some of the meetings for the General Convention in July, because of an alleged racial discrimination suit brought against the chain by the U.S. Justice Department.

Diocesan treasurer Art Bjontegaard presented a \$2.4 million budget for approval of convention, in spite of cutting a number of programs and eliminating two dioce-

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Top: Cross suspended over the new sanctuary area at St. Paul's Church.

Bottom (I to r):
The ambo (pulpit); the font, 19th century Italian, purchased and restored for the new church with an expanded bowl; the old church, now St. Paul's Chapel, in the foreground — the new church building in the background.

David Crean photos

New Worship Space Features Rich Acoustics

The new worship space for St. Paul's Church, Greenville, N.C., was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Clifton Daniel III, Bishop of East Carolina, Feb. 28. Planning for the new church began some years ago when it became apparent that the existing building could no longer accommodate a fast-growing congregation.

When the present rector, the Rev. Canon C. Thomas Midyette III, newly designated canon theologian for the diocese, came to the parish in 1994, it

was with the specific understanding that fund raising would begin immediately for the new church. Construction began in the sum-

mer of 1998. The bishop celebrated the first Eucharist in the new building on Christmas Eve. It seats more than twice the number of worshipers as the old building and is fully accessible to persons with physical handicaps.

A particular feature of the new church is the three stained glass rose windows created by artist Brenda Belfield, designer of the "Space Window" at Washington National Cathedral. Another feature is the new building's acoustical richness. "It was designed very specifically for the acoustics," said parish member David Crean. With a planned reverberation of some 3.5 seconds, it will be especially suited to the talents of the St. Paul's choir and the East Carolina

The new building's acoustics are suitable for the St. Paul's choir and the East Carolina University (ECU) School of Music.

University (ECU) School of Music, which will use the space for an additional recital hall. ECU is collaborating in a fund-raising campaign to enable the building of a 60-rank Fisk organ for the building.

THE BISHOP IS COMING

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR CONGREGATIONS



By Harry W. Shipps

"The bishop is coming for confirmation!" Right? Wrong!

The bishop is coming for visitation, for canonical visitation. There may or may not be persons to be confirmed.

The bishop's visitation often is misunderstood and therefore can fail to meet expectations and fulfill its potential. It is intended to achieve a variety of functions and duties which are spelled out clearly in the canons of the Episcopal Church.

In Anglicanism, the bishop's ministry is rather different from that of bishops in other churches. The bishop, in our tradition, is primarily pastor, teacher, preacher and sacramentalist. The bishop alone may confer confirmation, and also is encouraged to administer baptism in the context of canonical visitation.

Let us look at Canon III 24, Sec. 4:

(a) Each diocesan bishop shall visit the congrega-

tions within the diocese at least once in three years. Interim visits may be delegated to another bishop of this church.

(b) At every visitation the visiting bishop shall preside at the Holy Eucharist and at the initiatory rites, as required, preach the word, examine the records of the congregation required by Canon III. 14.3, and examine the life and ministry of the clergy and congregation according to Canon III. 14.2(e)

And for parish priests, Canon III.14, Sec. 2:
(d) It shall be their duty to encourage and prepare persons for confirmation, reception, and the reaffirmation of baptismal vows, and to be ready to present them to the bishop with a list of their names.

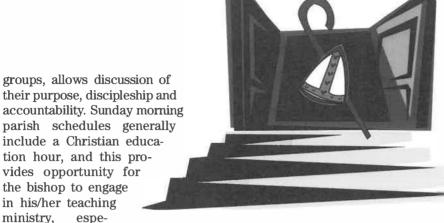
(e) On notice being received of the bishop's intention to visit any congregation, the clergy shall announce the fact to the congregation. At every visitation it shall be their duty and that of the wardens, vestry or other officers, to exhibit to the bishop the parish register and to give information on the state of the congregation, spiritual and temporal, in such categories as the bishop shall have previously requested in writing.

To review the commission of a bishop, it is helpful also to read the ordination rite, especially the exhortation, and to consult local diocesan canons.

The bishop should allot sufficient time to give undivided attention to the life of the entire parish or mission he/she is visiting. While general practice is for the bishop to schedule a visitation in one congregation or another of the diocese each week, the bishop should remember that for each parish priest, the visitation is a major event. A check-off list sent to the rector/vicar well in advance is helpful. The visitation is best made on Sunday morning and should include all the morning liturgies. The early Eucharist, incidentally, is the service attended by some of the senior, and often the most influential, parishioners. They need to know the bishop and the bishop needs to know them. Although the bishop may preach at all the morning liturgies, he/she need celebrate only at the main liturgy.

Interaction with the people is vital for the bishop's ongoing pastoral ministry. Opportunity to meet with various groups of the congregation, or the leadership of those

REMEMBER, THE BISHOP IS NOT A "VISITOR" TO A PARISH IN THE DIOCESE.



cially with adults. Questions and answers about the diocese and the Episcopal Church can be addressed. This is helpful for communication and dialogue, and may be a far more effective use of time than a covered dish meal. If there are persons to be baptized and/or confirmed, the bishop will so do, and may visit with confirmands before the liturgy to further their preparation for confirmation.

And, of course, there is the parish register. Some are kept meticulously up to date; others are an embarrassment. The bishop notes what may be needed and initials the last entries for baptisms, confirmations, marriages and burials. Apart from the register's function in documenting the life of the parish, there is the possibility that parish records may be required as legal documents in a secular court.

As facilitator and host, the local priest is a key player in the visitation, and can make the occasion bland or memorable. An attentive, positive manner is important. Careful advance planning produces good results, and discussion of the visitation during a prior vestry meeting is salutary. Remember, the bishop is not a "visitor" to a parish in his/her diocese. The bishop is chief pastor of the parish.

At least a week's notice to the congregation that the open offering will be for the bishop's discretionary fund is beneficial. When there are persons to be confirmed (received or reaffirmed) or baptized, a complete advance rehearsal by the parish priest is required for meaningful liturgy and joyful participation. If the bishop will arrive Saturday evening, arrangements for overnight accommodations should be made. A spot should be set aside for the bishop to park near the sacristy Sunday morning, with someone to greet and assist him/her to the sacristy. Is there room for the vestment case or bag in the sacristy? Are the liturgical colors and scriptural readings mutually understood? Is a deacon or lay chaplain to assist the bishop? Have plans been made for photographs, if desired, to be taken expeditiously? Are parish

registers set out? A cup of coffee? Are special needs made clear (an afternoon visit to an ill parishioner?). The bishop may well need to spend private time with the rectory family and establish a more personal relationship.

A married bishop often is accompanied by

his/her spouse, who may be quite unfamiliar with the parish and its people. It is helpful if someone is assigned to welcome and escort the spouse, introduce him/her to parishioners, fetch coffee and refreshments, even possibly steer him/her away from monopoly by the local eccentric.

The canons infer opportunity for lay leaders and wardens to confer with the bishop. The canonical visitation is the time to ask questions and express feelings, time for the bishop to affirm leadership and encourage the parish. This should be in a setting which encourages dialogue, apart from "social" time. Advance planning by the vestry could include a "state of the parish" report. Are there property concerns that need to be addressed? Perhaps the bishop needs to intercede for the rector (a sabbatical?). The bishop will seek information concerning parish growth, stewardship, evangelism and social outreach, and will challenge the lay leaders in areas where progress is not evident.

Large parishes often ask for the bishop at times other than canonical visitations, most commonly for additional confirmations and celebrations of new ministries. It should be understood that these occasions are apart from the official visitation and may occur weekday or Sunday evenings, hence they may be expeditious and limited to the liturgy itself.

The bishop is servant of the diocese (which is the basic unit of the church) and of the parish. The bishop is to minister in ways not only canonical, but helpful for development of the congregation. To shortchange the full potential of the visitation is to miss significant quality time with the chief pastor. A well-planned, effective visitation is a joy to all and develops and strengthens the unity of parish and diocese. Most significantly, it aids effective proclamation of the gospel.

The Rt. Rev. Harry W. Shipps is the retired Bishop of Georgia.

Below: The stark desert, which starts with only sand, rocks and ashes, slowly shows signs of life with a few cacti and dwarf plants.

Right: On Easter Day the transformation is complete; a lush rain forest blooms where only bleakness reigned a few weeks before.



Making an Easter Garden

Every year, from Ash Wednesday to Easter Day. the parishioners of St. George's Church, Belleville, Ill., experience the wonder of a desert of sand and rock transformed week by week into a lush rain forest-appearing collection of plants and flowers. This metamorphosis from barren wastes to tropical-like vegetation symbolizes the joy felt by Christians as emotions build for the Resurrection of Jesus.

The idea was conceived anonymously but was brought to St. George's by one of its parishioners, Jim Pappas. He had witnessed a similar display and was impressed. That it caught the fancy of St. George's is obvious. It has become a yearly staple.

Maintained by St. Margaret's Altar Guild, the gradual transformation of an area of the narthex, called the Canterbury Room, from the dry bleakness of the desert on Ash Wednesday to the glory and wonder of the Resurrection of Jesus on Easter Day catches the attention of members and visitors alike. It draws comments, smiles and some pensive looks as though those who look at it are offering a silent prayer.

The scene begins with dry sand, a few rocks and ashes on Ash Wednesday. Each week, a few plantings or shrubs are added until at the end, a glorious

> garden with a fountain of the water of life are achieved.

> Early concerns about the "mess" that might be caused by the display or by unthinking children playing in it

never materialized. The children seem to be as spellbound by the display as the adults.

St. George's has provided parishioners an opportunity to travel visually from the dry, barren sand of their lives on Ash Wednesday to the bountiful and beautiful Resurrection on Easter.

Don Gillen

Parishioners can visually travel from Ash Wednesday to the Resurrection on Easter.

Rest for Weary Acolytes

In the Feb. 21 issue of *Time*, Calvin Trillin answers "the campaign questions that readers have been itching to ask." He posted the following fascinating question: "There are only three rich Episcopalians in this country who are fervently anti-abortion, and every one of them ran for the 2000 Republican presidential nomination. Is this a coincidence?"

The equally fascinating answer: "Sort of. Although it's true that George W. Bush, Steve Forbes and John McCain are all from what students of comparative religion call the boarding-school wing of the Episcopal Church, Bush now belongs to a Methodist congregation. He apparently underwent a denominational transformation after a spiritual encounter with Billy Graham, an evangelist preacher whose vision of hell is a world in which he does not get to play golf with the president. It's unclear whether Steve Forbes will continue his financial support of an effort to persuade members of his own congregation to abandon Planned Parenthood and blockade an abortion clinic with their foxhounds."

retired Bishop of Arizona [TLC, Jan. 16], Bishop Robert Shahan of Arizona used his sermon to tell some interesting tales. After describing the late Bishop Harte as "a true believer, an enthusiastic believer, a contagious believer," he acknowledged "there are hundreds of Joe Harte stories floating around here today."

Bishop Harte corresponded with me on occasion about things he liked, or didn't, in the magazine. It was no surprise when I read this story Bishop Shahan told:

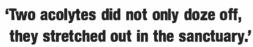
"I will remember Joe as a man who left a wide track in the road called The Church. I actually played golf with a Roman Catholic gentleman recently who asked me if I knew Bishop Harte. He went on to tell me a story of how Bishop Harte was asked to address a group of 30 men who shared a Catholic fellowship years ago. The meeting was in the Westward Ho Hotel, and Bishop Harte stood at the door introducing himself to each man. This was not so remarkable. What was remarkable was that this man saw Joe about two months later in the airport and when they passed by Joe said, "Hi, Matt."

Did You Know...

Christ Church, Woodbury, Minn., claims to offer "the best Anglican pancakes."

Quote of the Week

The Rt. Rev. Rogers Harris, interim Bishop of Lexington, on the state of the Episcopal Church: "The Episcopal Church today is enjoying the greatest unity in Christ that I have ever seen."



- Bishop Charles Jenkins on visiting congregations

Bishop Charles Jenkins of Louisiana has had some notable visitations in his dio-

cese recently. In his journal, published by *Churchwork*, the diocesan newspaper, Bishop Jenkins recounts those events:

"Listen, I have had people snooze during sermons before, but never like this," he wrote. "Two acolytes did not only doze off, they stretched out in the sanctuary."

And when visiting another congregation, Bishop Jenkins recalled a brunch following the service.

"That was briefly interrupted by a man who burst into the hall screaming obscenities and claiming to be the Klan," he said. "He was ushered right out by women and men, who would have no part of it."

At the funeral of the Rt. Rev. Joe Harte,

The behavior of some Anglicans becomes curiouser and curiouser. The Very Rev. Rowan Smith, dean of St. George's Cathedral, Cape Town,

South Africa, is pictured in the *Sunday Times* of Cape Town in full eucharistic vestments with a "devil's tail" protruding from beneath his alb. The photo appeared with an ad for the Out-in-Africa Gay and Lesbian Film Festival. In the ad, Dean Smith is shown preaching that "they say homosexuals are the devil's spawn but I don't believe that."

Dean Smith has apologized to cathedral parishioners and to Archbishop Njongonkulu Ndungane and said he had made "a serious error of judgment."

Note to Bob in Corpus Christi: The parish you visited in Baltimore probably was observing Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday on the Sunday you were there. "We shall overcome" is not standard fare in the Episcopal Church.

Confusion Over Provinces

The last time it met, the national Executive Council appropriated some \$600,000 to the proposed budget of the Episcopal Church to strengthen the church's provinces — those nine geographic areas which usually receive little attention. Now the church will wrestle with whether it should discontinue the existing system of provinces, as the result of a resolution proposed to General Convention by the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church.

In recent years there has been considerable thought that the provinces might offer an alternative to some of the bureaucratic problems encountered at the Episcopal Church Center, the church's national headquarters in New York City. The idea was to move some of the church's programs and ministries to the provincial level. Some provinces went so far as to hire executive directors, bringing better organization and additional ministry. Unfortunately, some provinces have done more than others. Provinces 1 and 8, for example, have been far more active than the others, so the Executive Council appropriation was to help other provinces pay for coordinators, perhaps enabling those provinces to serve their dioceses better.

The resolution from the Commission on the Structure of the Church contends that geographic combinations may be a convenient method of grouping dioceses, "but this often does not combine dioceses of like interests and concerns." The commission notes that there are concerns that the provinces add an additional layer of governance that may not be necessary, and "may be inefficient, uneconomical and a hindrance to effective mission and ministry." In its explanation to the resolution, the commission states that this and other resolutions are offered as opportunities for General Convention to express its will as to whether the present provincial system should be continued or eliminated in favor of more flexible arrangements for mission and ministry.

While the commission's resolution advocates discontinuing the existing system of provinces, it also recommends arrangement of ongoing support for existing networks and programs being handled by provinces.

In recent years, we have been supportive of the idea of increasing the role of provinces. Because of the mistrust which sometimes exists between dioceses and the national church, and because of the opportunity it affords to work more closely with nearby dioceses, the province can play an increasingly important role in the life of the church. Unfortunately, many others don't see it that way.

The Parish Is the Place

From time to time we are asked by readers why this magazine places such a strong emphasis on parish life. We are not congregationalists, some claim. Indeed we are not. Our Parish Administration Issues, published four times each year, call attention to life in our parish churches. While we recognize the importance of the diocese and its bishop in our governance, there is no disputing the fact that the parish is where our most vital ministries take place. People join a parish, not a diocese or province, usually because some effective evangelism was done by a member of that congregation. Such important ministries as pastoral care, stewardship, Christian education and outreach are most successful when done by the local parish.

Strong, healthy parishes are vital to the well being of the Episcopal Church, and we will continue to be supportive of that fact. While this Parish Administration Issue may be of particular interest to rectors, vicars and priests-incharge, we hope lay administrators, wardens and members of vestries will find articles and advertisements of interest too. For others who are not involved in running a congregation, you'll find the usual parts of this magazine you've learned to enjoy. We're happy to offer this special issue to the entire church.

Whether the present provincial system should be continued or eliminated will be discussed at General Convention.



Myths

of the Debate Involving the Liberal Majority and the Conservatives

By Donald O'Malley

With the consecrations of John Rodgers and Chuck Murphy in Singapore [TLC, Feb. 13, 20], it appears the gloves have come off in the ongoing battle between the liberal majority in the Episcopal Church and the conservative / traditionalist / evangelical / Anglo-Catholic / charismatic minority. For many years I have stood on the sidelines and observed this debate. I have been concerned by some of it, amused by much of it, and amazed by most of it. And so now, as an unarmed man in this battle of wits, I offer my humble observation that a number of myths seem to have become generally accepted in the debate, largely without any challenge, and I wonder why.



MYTH 1: We should not use labels (e.g., liberal, conservative) when describing ourselves or our positions. This seems like foolishness to me. Labels have always been useful in religious dialogue, not just in Christianity, and long before Christianity. For instance, I find

book reviews to be useless to me, unless I know the theological bias of the author of the review. Since words are now subject to anyone's interpretation, using a phrase like "faith in Jesus Christ" means something very different if it is used by Marcus Borg or by Alister McGrath. I can illustrate this point further if I state that I am an evangelical conservative. Now everyone has a more certain expectation of where I am coming from in whatever follows. So my questions are these: Why are liberals afraid to call themselves liberals? Why do so many people say they are in the "center" when there is no "center" to be in?



MYTH 2: The Presiding Bishop's Year of Jubilee is to allow the Holy Spirit to work in the church and help us discern the mind of Christ. Are the conservative bishops so naïve as to think that this is an effort to maintain the status quo until we discern God's will? The liberal bishops are already doing whatever

they want, so why do they need to bring anything to a vote? So I ask, Is it the Holy Spirit at work in the Episcopal Church or is it Satan? Who needs the time? Hasn't the church answered these heresies before?

MYTH 3: All truth is pluriform and has many facets. If we are talking about the color of the sky, and one person says it is blue and another person says it is gray, I can understand that compromise, by agreeing that the sky is blue-gray, can be a good thing. But, if one person says two plus two equals four and another person says two



plus two equals six, I do not understand how it is a good compromise to say two plus two equals five. So my questions are these: If we say truth is pluriform, and personal, how could we ever say that any opinion is not true? Aren't we really saying that there is no truth?



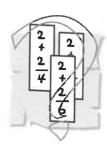
MYTH 4: If you don't agree with me, we just have to keep on discussing the issue until you see it my way. I get into this with my wife all the time. If I don't agree with her she says I don't understand her. In 25 years of marriage I admit great susceptibility to this

criticism. But I also insist that it is at least theoretically possible that I understand her perfectly; I just happen to disagree. That means one of us is wrong. Doesn't it seem like "more discussion" is just a ploy by the majority to wear down the minority? How does a minority ever get a majority to admit they could be wrong?

MYTH 5: We in the Episcopal Church are "the Church." When I hear liberals say "we the church have discerned God's will on moral issues," I cringe. When I hear a bishop say "the church wrote the Bible, we can rewrite it," I am amazed. The arrogance of these statements is astounding. We, the Episco-



pal Church, are 2 million out of 70 million just in the Anglican Communion. That's less than 2 percent. And we are about one millionth of 1 percent of the worldwide Christian Church. Who do we think we are?



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MYTH 6: The unity of the church is more important than anything else. It seems to me that this is another

ploy of the majority to get the minority to conform. If unity is the foremost consideration, then we should repent of the protestant reformation and return to the Roman Catholic Church. If we cannot justify schism under any circumstances today, then we cannot justify the separation from Rome by the English Parliament in 1534. But then 1 Cor. 11:19 says, "for there must be factions among you in order that those who are genuine among you may be recognized." Then I ask. If there is a distinction between the church and the world, what is it and how do we maintain it? If we cannot define a boundary between the church and the world, doesn't that really mean there is no church?

MYTH 7: The Anglican way is not based on theological authority. This is not true. Christian/Anglican teaching has always been based

on authority. Until 1517 the pope and the councils were the authority. In the protestant reformation the Bible became the authority. In the Church of England the king was



the head of the church. It was only in 1789, when the Episcopal Church was established, that we rejected the authority of the king. It has only been in this century that we have rejected the authority of the Bible, by our historical biblical criticism. For the first time in our Christian history we have no theological authority. So I ask: On what basis, greater than ourselves, do we evaluate Christian teaching? Is each of us our own authority? Is there no danger of false teaching?

MYTH 8: The consecrations in Singapore are not valid because "the Church" did not approve them: it was not done the Anglican way. "The Church" did not approve the ordinations of women in Philadelphia: was that the Anglican



way? "The Church" has not approved the blessing same-sex unions, yet many bishops have allowed the blessing of same-

sex unions. Isn't this hypocritical? If the Holy Spirit was doing a "new thing" in Philadelphia and in recognizing human sexuality, isn't it possible that the Holy Spirit was also doing a "new thing" in Singapore?

MYTH 9: The real issue is homophobia. This part of the debate has been a struggle for me. I kept

asking, how is human sexuality connected to the gospel of Jesus Christ? Is the liberal gospel a different gospel? I have come



to the conclusion that it is, and for

ESSENTIALS FOR HOLY WEEK



IN THE SHADOWS OF HOLY WEEK

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these reasons. The liberal gospel is half the gospel; it is only half of the covenant. The liberal gospel is God loves everyone, God forgives everyone. That is true, but a covenant is a two-party agreement. What about our part? The message of Jesus Christ and the apostles was – repent, the kingdom of God is at hand (Mark 1:15, 6:12). Thus, a gospel that does not lead people to repentance is not the gospel of Jesus Christ. So my questions are these: If the liberal gospel is a different gospel, then in God's eyes hasn't the schism already occurred? If the liberal gospel is based on love, is there anything more unloving than for the blind to lead the blind into the pit?

MYTH 10: It's not about win-

ning or losing. This is another ploy by the majority. The whole gospel is about victory and defeat, light and darkness, life and death, good and evil, truth and deceit. Not only is it about winning and losing but it is

all about winning and losing.

CONCLUSION: It is my observation that we have, in the Episcopal Church, a liberal majority with hierarchical authority, but which recognizes no theological authority. A church with hierarchical authority but no theological authority cannot remain a Christian church because it has no boundary beyond which it will not drift theologically, and it will repress any attempts by a theological minority to reform it. A church without theological authority, however, will inevitably lose its hierarchical authority. Singapore is probably just the beginning. We have seen the liberal bishops leading us into congregational Unitarianism. But now, when the minority steals a page from the liberal playbook, the Unitarians respond with intolerance and judgment. Does that tell us something? Well, the people in the parish I serve really don't care about all this stuff, so I think I'll just go back to the sidelines where I belong, and pray.

The Rev. Donald O'Malley is the rector of Church of the Good Shepherd, Hayesville, N.C.



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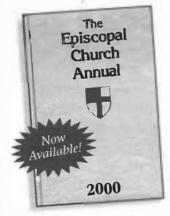
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Try Something Clever

We are informed in a news article [TLC, Feb. 6] that the church decided not to use the Adam's Mark Hotel in Denver as its headquarters for General Convention. The reason given was because of a Justice Department suit against the hotel chain alleging "a pattern of racial discrimination."

While I am certainly against any kind of racial discrimination, anywhere, I wonder if the church made the right decision here. I would remind that our constitution states that no one is guilty until so convicted. This hotel chain has only been accused at this point. We are also told in this article that the church has a contract with the hotel which calls for a "\$1.2 million cancellation payment."

This is a lot of money. And, as far as I can tell, it will go directly into the coffers of the hotel chain.

Think for a moment about this situation. If the hotel does not have to provide rooms and services for the convention attendees, it will have to lay off employees. Those employees will not see any of that \$1.2 million.

Rather, the hotel will have less overhead and thus be able to profit from most of that money. That money could then be used to pay attorney's fees.

I would suggest that rather than make a basically useless gesture and lose \$1.2 million besides, that the church could have been a bit more clever.

It could have said, "We will go

More Spiritual?

This morning, on my way to the office, I picked up an NPR report on the Iowa Caucuses. Both Al Gore and George W. Bush were effusive in their gratitude to the people of Iowa for voting for them. I thought their exuberance was a bit much, since both have a long way to go. But what really got me was the use of the term "spiritual" by candidate Bush. He actually said out loud on radio that his victory was a "spiritual high" for him. Now that really takes the word "spiritual" to a new low. I can understand a comment like "emotional high," but a "spiritual high?" Come on.

This is just one more example of how the word spiritual has become overused and subsequently underrated. When a politician refers to a political victory as spiritual, he/she has insulted our intelligence by making a religious term crass.

We are told that people in America are becoming more spiritual. How are they becoming more spiritual? What is the nature of their spirituality? I think that what people are really saying is that feeling spiritual is akin to a state of general well being. This may be true to some extent, if spirituality is merely defined as emotional and mental health.

But the spirituality we feel and the object of our faith is something far deeper. The Greek and Hebrew words for Spirit mean breath, wind and fire.

In the language of scripture this means the Holy Spirit: God's breath, wind and fire. For one to be spiritual, then, or have a spiritual experience, one must somehow be in relationship with God the Holy Spirit. Hence spirituality is explicitly connected to the Divine One

So when George W. Bush called a political victory a "spiritual" experience, watch out. He is playing on the religious ignorance of people. This is a political victory, not a spiritual victory. The only spiritual victory I know about is the victory of Jesus Christ over the powers of evil, sin and death. This is resurrection spirituality; the true spirituality based on faith in the crucified and resurrected Lord, who then sent the Holy Spirit to be with us now and forever.

(The Rev.) Robert A. Terrill Grace Cathedral Topeka, Kan. ahead and stay at the Adam's Mark. We know that they have been accused of discrimination and this concerns us. We wish to act in a way that will send a message of our opposition to discrimination, if it existed in this case. Rather than forfeit \$1.2 million by canceling our contract, we will stay at the Adam's Mark, but we will donate \$1.2 million to the (take your pick) Honduran Relief Fund, or some other charity."

I have seen too much evidence of the church's prodigality and poor stewardship of funds. As a person of limited means, I find it more offensive that the church makes extravagant gestures, than that it might be thought of as possibly condoning discrimination. The church has an excellent record, available to all, of its opposition to such practices.

> F.G. Breckenridge Tucson, Ariz.

Unique Mission

I wonder which traditions the Rev. Amy Lawrence was referring to in the "Quote of the Week" [TLC, Feb. 20].

I have no problem with her questioning our music, architecture, or use of Rite 1. They appeal to some people, young and old, and not to others.

If she is referring to our church's traditional belief in Christ's Incarnation, Resurrection and atonement, I have a big problem. This belief distinguishes Christians and our churches from other people and organizations. Our unique mission is to tell this to all people, young and old.

When Bishop Furman Stough went to Okinawa many years ago as a priest, a friend told him that the students at the local university wanted to meet him. The friend said, "You will have only a few minutes. You are not yet fluent enough in Japanese, and I will translate. They are not hostile, but they will ask why you come to their Buddhist country as a missionary."

When the question came, Bishop Stough said, "We Christians believe that 'God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that all who believe in him may have eternal life,' and I have come here to tell you this."

The answer satisfied the students.

Joseph G. Gamble Birmingham, Ala.

Clarification Needed

I would very much like to have a clarification from our retired Presiding Bishop and others who endorsed the statement, "Religious Declaration on Sexual Morality, Justice, and Healing" [TLC, Feb. 13], including women and sexual minorities in congregational life, including their ordination and blessing of same-sex marriages.

I supported the equality of women long ago. Just exactly who are the "sexual minorities"? Are several wives, or several husbands, or

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exploitation of children the next "in" thing? Are faithfulness and monogamy out of fashion? Have people become bored with a lifelong commitment, preferring to use others as toys for cheap thrills?

Finally, the most important question ... do the bishops signing this statement really know how few gay men have a monogamous relationship over a long time, or do bishops want to go on record as endorsing promiscuity?

Jim Burke Covington, La.

Not as Appealing

I learned at my father's knee that whenever we fight anyone we become just like they are. Small wonder conservatives have finally resorted to a methodology much like that of the illicit ordinations of 1974. And so far as "waiting" is concerned, haven't conservatives been doing that? The problem is that waiting in order that something not be done will never have the same appeal as waiting to do something. The liberal contingent in our church always has had a social program they identified as the gospel. something they wanted to accomplish, specific, tangible goals to be fulfilled. In our present culture all that seemed so much more real and authentic than maintaining the orthodox status quo.

Whether there is any reward to be won in the Singapore consecrations [TLC, Feb. 13, 20] is doubtful. Our problems have never seemed amenable to a political fix. But the gospel still has orthodox, intrinsic truth that Christian preaching, liturgical and pastoral witness have always been able to proclaim savingly. Proclamation of that truth savingly has always been a conservative's goal because it is Christ's goal. When we conservatives stop our whining and resort less to General Convention politics, more to prayer, more to studying competent biblical and theological scholarship, and give ourselves more to preaching that challenges with God's truth. God will honor our ministry.

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It is said: "What goes around, comes around." Some 25 years ago, advocates of ordination of women went out and "just did it." So why the surprise that advocates of so-called "flying bishops" went out and "just did it." The lack of will to accept scripture and to abide by canon law was bound to lead the church into its present chaotic state.

Bishops are called upon "to defend the faith" as received through scripture, tradition and reason — and I submit in that order. They are committed to making difficult decisions without compromise of their calling, whatever the cost. Some of them are of a mind not to do this, hoping the issues will go away. I have news for them: They won't.

The House of Bishops must make its decisions and give its godly admonition to the House of Deputies. If this results in schism, so be it.

The Church of God has endured

schism in the past and will again. The Church of God has endured culture changes in the past and will again. But the church must not succumb to the seductions of the secular world.

(The Rev.) Robert A. Tourigney
The Woodlands, Texas

Regarding the consecration of Bishops Rodgers and Murphy in Singapore, we can all be sad that the traditions of ordination and consecration are being ignored, now by both extremes of the gender/sexuality questions. To our disappointment, the traditionalists now have their own renegades, just as the revisionists have theirs.

I confess to being amused by Bishop Griswold's reaction. He is "... appalled at this irregular action ..." Where was he, I must wonder, when the irregular ordination of the first women priests occurred? And where is he now as the irregular ordinations

of open and active gay priests and the irregular blessings of gay couples take place throughout the Episcopal Church? Was he... is he "appalled"? I think not. Does he really believe this "crisis" was largely fomented by orthodoxy? Either his objectivity or his memory has deserted him.

His words quoted in TLC are less than conciliatory. So much for Jubilee.

> Robert Hancock Glen Allen, Va.

An observation concerning the consecration in Singapore, and Archbishop Moses Tay...

I went as a tourist to Laos last year and wrote the archbishop concerning the Anglican church in Vietenne, which I wished to attend ... and maybe assist for the Sunday. I received a reply personally from the archbishop to the effect that the Angli-

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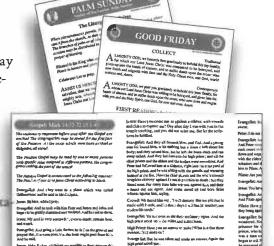
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can church had been closed (gleefully it seemed) and that I should attend the local pentecostal church!

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I appreciated the letter of the Rev. Donald B. Hill [TLC, Jan. 16]. I fully agree with him that Mary Magdalene was a witness to the Resurrection and therefore met the requirement to be an apostle. To her credit, she was the first person to encounter the risen Christ and to have a conversation with him, quite ahead of Peter and John [John 20:1-18] and of the two disciples who, on the very day of the Resurrection, met the Lord while on their way to Emmaus [Luke 24:13-15].

In spite of her seniority as a witness, she was not chosen by the Lord Jesus nor by the apostles to be part of their inner circle. When Judas' betrayal turned "the twelve" into "the eleven," Peter spoke to about 120 disciples and ended his speech saying, "So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us — one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection. So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias" [Acts 1:16-22, RSV]. Only the latter became an apostle, the former remained a disciple and a witness. Obviously, all apostles were witnesses, but not all witnesses were apostles.

From the words of Peter, it appears that, in addition to being a witness an apostle had to be a male who had been with Jesus, from the beginning to the end. The only exception being Paul, the apostle chosen personally by the Lord on the road to Damascus.

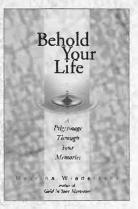
It could be argued that Peter and all the other apostles were reluctant to add a woman to their ranks because they were bound by the culture of their day. It is more difficult, however, to apply that argument to the Lord Jesus "for in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily" [Col. 2:9] and because he was known to break quite freely social and religious conventions whenever he judged it necessary. On the day of his resurrection, Jesus had the golden opportunity to make Mary Magdalene an apostle, but he did not do so. Apparently, a female apostle was not part of his plan of salvation.

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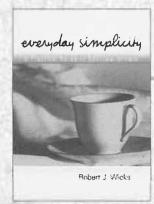
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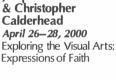


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The convention of the **Diocese of Easton** was held Feb. 21-22 at a hotel in Ocean City, Md.

Delegates discussed and voted on various canonical changes in order to bring the diocese's canons into conformity with national canons. Conven-



tion also voted to accept diocesan council's proposal to take the year 2000 to develop a

diocesan strategic plan for ministry development. The planning process is expected to involve the broadest possible range of people from throughout the diocese.

At the opening service, the Rev. E.A. (Tad) de Bordenave, director of Anglican Frontier Missions, preached, speaking of his experience in supporting missionary work in areas that have never been exposed to the Christian gospel.

The budget, as adopted by convention, projects expenditures of \$166,843 for mission and ministry; \$90,230 for service; \$38,700 for nurture; and \$394,070 for ministry support services.

In his address to convention, the Rt. Rev. Martin Townsend, Bishop of Easton, emphasized that the diocesan mission is clear: to support congregations in their ministries of evangelism, worship, nurture and service. He urged convention to be faithful to this mission and to the resources for its fulfillment.

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Forgiving Spirit

From the sound of the ram's horn that began the festival Eucharist until the dismissal given by the Rt. Rev. Henry N. Parsley, Bishop of Alabama, the theme of the annual convention of the **Diocese of Alabama** was "Jubilee." More than 500 delegates, alternates and guests gathered Feb. 17-19 at Shocco Springs, the Southern Baptist camp and conference center, near the home of host parish St. Peter's, Talladega, which is celebrating the sesquicentennial of its founding.

The Rev. Walter Brueggemann, Disciples of Christ minister and professor at Columbia Theological Seminary, issued a call to delegates to embrace the forgiving spirit of Jubilee, to combat the doctrine of scarcity, and to find answers to what he calls the true question of Jubilee: "What do I have that belongs to somebody else, and how can I give it back?"

The Rt. Rev. Onell Soto, newly appointed assistant bishop and a native of Cuba, gave the sermon at the Eucharist, which was held at the chapel of nearby Talladega College, a historic college founded by freed slaves in 1867.

In his address to the convention, Bishop Parsley encouraged the

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assembly to work to spread the kingdom of God through mission work and, quoting from the 55th chapter of Isaiah, urged delegates to "enlarge the limits of your house, spread wide the curtains of your tents." To do so, said Bishop Parsley, requires a continued commitment to build new parishes, increase the present Hispanic mission and ministry work in the diocese, and deepen the long commitment of the resources of the diocese to campus ministry. "Let us be bold in our mission," said Bishop Parsley. "Let us love others as Christ loves us; let us enter the promising land of this new century empowered afresh for ministry rejoicing in the power of the Spirit."

The diocese admitted two new congregations, one a Hispanic mission associated with Grace Church in Birmingham, and the other a newly formed parish in the Huntsville area, which welcomed more than 160 persons at its first worship service. In its

business sessions, the convention passed a budget of nearly \$2.4 million, reflecting a 9 percent increase in parish covenants, which made possible full funding of program initiatives submitted by the various departments of the diocese.

(The Rev.) Kenneth L. Fields

A Plea for Patience

The 210th convention of the **Diocese of South Carolina** met at St. Philip's Church and Charleston Place in Charleston, S.C., Feb. 11-12. The convention began with a celebration of the Holy Eucharist according to the Rite of 1662.

In his sermon for the occasion, which came against the backdrop of the recent consecrations of Bishops John Rodgers and Chuck Murphy in Singapore [TLC, Feb. 13, 20], the Rt. Rev. Edward L. Salmon, Bishop of South Carolina, observed that the church is God's planting, yet judg-

ment would come. "Both grow together," he emphasized, pleading for both patience and the vision of the church itself not to be lost.

"How we interact with one another" in these challenging times "is as important" as what we speak about, Bishop Salmon said, asking for lowliness, meekness, and forbearance in our conduct with each other.

In his address to the convention later that afternoon, Bishop Salmon discussed how he himself would seek to work with Bishop Murphy. Bishop Salmon sought what he termed a "Gamaliel-like strategy" in which he would wait on God to see what develops. During a period of waiting on any word from Canterbury, the Anglican primates or others as to this unusual event, Bishop Salmon agreed that Bishop Murphy would serve as rector emeritus of All Saints' Church, Pawleys Island, a position without canonical authority. with the Rev. Thad Barnum being the

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interim rector there. Bishop Murphy could function sacramentally as a priest in the diocese, but not as a bishop.

"There is a crisis of authority in the church" which has led to these events, according to Bishop Salmon.



"Our long history of unilateral action on the part of the bishops in the American church has produced the authority

crisis. One of the definitions of dysfunction is the absence of any boundaries. Another name for it is anarchy. The consecrations in Singapore continue this story, but it is the first such action on the orthodox side. I can readily see why years of frustration, growing from dialogue, often used as a cover for change, would result in consecrations to get people beyond what they perceive as canonical oppression."

In other events, the diocese voted in favor of transferring the confederate flag from its present location above the state capitol, and to oppose South Carolina's attempt to sponsor a state lottery.

As Bishop Salmon celebrated what God had done in the 10 years since he began his ministry in the diocese he noted his 10-10-10 plan for giving that has resulted in congregational income moving from slightly more than \$9 million in 1990 to more than \$21 million in 2000.

In addition, the convention approved a \$2 million budget for 2000.

(The Rev.) Kendall Harmon

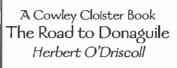
First Time in Texas

The annual council of the **Diocese of Texas** made history Feb. 11, when more than 1,000 clergy and lay delegates elected the Rev. Dena Harrison, rector of St. James' Church, Conroe, to the standing committee. The election marks the first time in diocesan history that a female member of the clergy has been elected to the committee.

Another first for the diocese came

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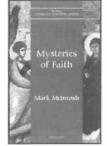




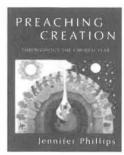
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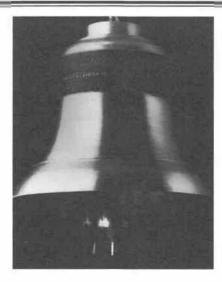


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when, following council, the standing committee elected Dolly Bush as president. The job has historically fallen to the senior clergyperson on the committee.

Over the last five years, the Rt. Rev. Claude E. Payne, Bishop of Texas, told delegates in his council address, the average Sunday attendance has risen from 26,000 to more than 30,000. From 1993 to 1998, he said, the sum total of income to churches in the diocese has risen from "\$32 million in 1993 to \$45 million," while support of diocesan budgets has proportionately declined.

"A daunting task" is what executive board member Andy Doyle called the board's charge to find a non-legislative way in which to deal with referred resolutions from the 150th council concerning "sexuality and violence." After nearly a year of extensive research, a special task force has designed an open forum at which the sexuality issue will be discussed, "We believe that ... having a conversation outside of council — for issues of pastoral, ethical and theological concern is the way in which a healthy commu-

Southeast Florida Nominees

The Diocese of Southeast Florida has announced a slate of five candidates for its third bishop.

The nominees include: the Rev. Canon Richard M.L. Barry, rector of St. Agnes' Church, Miami; the Very Rev. Bernard Griffith, rector of Christ Church, Coconut Grove, Miami.; the Rt. Rev. Leopold Frade, Bishop of Honduras; the Rev. Wilifred Allen-Faiella, rector of Trinity, King of Prussia, Pa.; and the Very Rev. Robert Gepert, dean of Trinity Cathedral, Easton, Md.

Rt. Rev. Calvin O. Schofield, Jr., diocesan bishop for the past 20 years, will retire after the consecration of his successor.

An electing convention has been scheduled for May 6.

nity deals with its brokenness and divisive concerns," he said.

The council also adopted the diocesan and missionary budgets for 2000. The missionary budget supports mission congregations, including two new mission starts: St. Catherine's, Houston, and St. Philip's, Austin. The total missionary budget increased to more than \$3 million in 2000. Council also passed a \$4.3 million diocesan budget.

New Approach

Delegates itching for a fight needed to go elsewhere than the annual council of the **Diocese of Southwestern Virginia** Feb. 4-6 at a Roanoke hotel.

Aside from one proposed change that was incorporated into the diocesan budget, neither resolutions nor any other business before council engendered any debate.

"We have a fundamentally new way of doing business," said the Rt. Rev. Neff Powell, Bishop of Southwestern Virginia. "We should be proud that we have conducted diocesan business and concluded it on a positive note."

Delegates welcomed Horace Clarence Boyer, a retired professor from the University of Massachusetts, as council keynote speaker. Mr. Boyer warmed many delegates to African-American hymnody found in *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*. Said Mr. Boyer to delegates on their second attempt at a traditional gospel hymn, "Come to this music with everything you have and it will all get sorted out as we go along."

The budget, in the amount of \$737,000, was adopted on Saturday. A request to reinstate funds that had been cut from the budget for *The Southwestern Episcopalian* was the only significant change made during the council meeting. The cut represented the cost of one issue of *The Southwestern* and *Episcopal Life*.

Several members of the Roanoke convocation presented resolution #7, which declared opposition to any prohibition of teaching scientific theory, including the theory of evolution, in public schools.

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The Very Rev. **Tracey Lind** is dean of Trinity Cathedral, 2021 E 22nd St., Cleveland, OH 44115.

The Rev. J. Hugh Magers is interim of St. Andrew's, 917 Lamar St., Fort Worth, TX 76102.

The Rev. **Mary Jo Melberger** is rector of St. John's, 404 Levering Mill Rd., Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004.

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The Rev. Walton Pettit is interim of St. Andrew's on the Sound, 101 Airlie Rd., Wilmington, NC 28403.

The Rev. **Jennifer Phillips** is vicar of St. Augustine's, 35 Lower College Rd., Kingston, RI 02881.

The Rev. **Steven Powers** is rector of Trinity, 311 Division St., Oshkosh, WI 54901.

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Resignations

The Rev. **Candis Burgess**, as rector of St. James', Sault Ste. Marie, MI.

Retirements

The Rev. **Anne W. Baker**, as vicar of St. David's, Page, AZ.

The Rev. **Roger M. Cromack**, as deacon at Holy Family, Chapel Hill, NC.

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PEOPLE & PLACES

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Deaths

The Rev. John Nelson Brockmann, 88. retired priest of the Diocese of West Missouri, died Feb. 16 of endocarditis and congestive heart failure in Indianapolis,

Fr. Brockmann was a native of Indianapolis. He graduated from the University of California and the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, both at Berkeley. He was ordained deacon in 1941 and priest in 1942. Fr. Brockmann served as vicar of St. Alban's, Yerington, and Coventry Cross Chapel, Smith, NV, 1941-42; vicar of St. Philip's in the Desert and associated missions, Hawthorne, NV, 1942-46; rector of St. Paul's, Elko, and vicar of St. Barnard's, Wells, NV, 1946-51; dean of Trinity Pro-Cathedral, Sacramento, CA, 1951-53; rector of St. Andrew's, Seward, NE, 1953-56; rector of St. Martin's, Omaha, NE, 1956-62 and chaplain at Bishop Clarkson Memorial Hospital, Omaha, NE, 1958-63; vicar of Holy Spirit, Bellevue, NE, 1961-70; and rector of Trinity, Lebanon and vicar of St. George's, Camdenton, MO, 1970-78. Fr. Brockmann is survived by his wife. Marie Louise Sturges Brockmann, two sons, Stephen and George, four grandchildren, one great-grandchild and a brother

The Rev. Chiron William Forsyth, 85, retired priest of the Diocese of New York, died Feb. 9 in Florida.

Fr. Forsyth was born in Panama and was a graduate of Codrington College in the West Indies, Durham University in England, and General Theological Seminary. He was ordained deacon in 1942 and priest in 1943. He served the Church of the West Indies, 1942-52, before becoming rector of the Church of the Crucifixion, New York City, where he served until his 1986 retirement. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie.

The Rev. John Greenlee Haynes, 86, retired priest of the Diocese of Arizona, died Jan. 9 in Mesa, AZ.

A native of Baltimore, MD, Fr. Haynes was a graduate of Oberlin College and Bexley Hall. He was ordained deacon and priest in 1950. Fr. Haynes served as curate at Emmanuel and chaplain to college students, Cleveland, OH, 1950-52; priest-incharge of Trinity, New Philadelphia, and St. Barnabas', Dennison, OH, 1952-56; and rector of St. John in the Wilderness, White Bear Lake, MN, 1956-78. Since his retirement, he had served as assistant at St. Mark's, Mesa.

The Rev. John W. Hildebrand, 81, retired priest of the Diocese of Fort Worth, died Feb. 3 in Fort Worth.

Fr. Hildebrand was a native of Washington, DC, and a graduate of Virginia Theological Seminary. He was ordained deacon and priest in 1948. Fr. Hildebrand served as rector of All Faith Parish, Charlotte Hall, MD, 1948-52; chaplain at the University of Wyoming at Laramie, 1953-55; rector of St. Paul's, Duluth, MN, 1955-68; and rector of St. Andrew's, Fort Worth, TX, 1970-89, where he was named rector emeritus. A son, David, a daughter, Janet, a grandson and a sister survive Fr. Hildebrand.

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An Interview with Bishop Murphy

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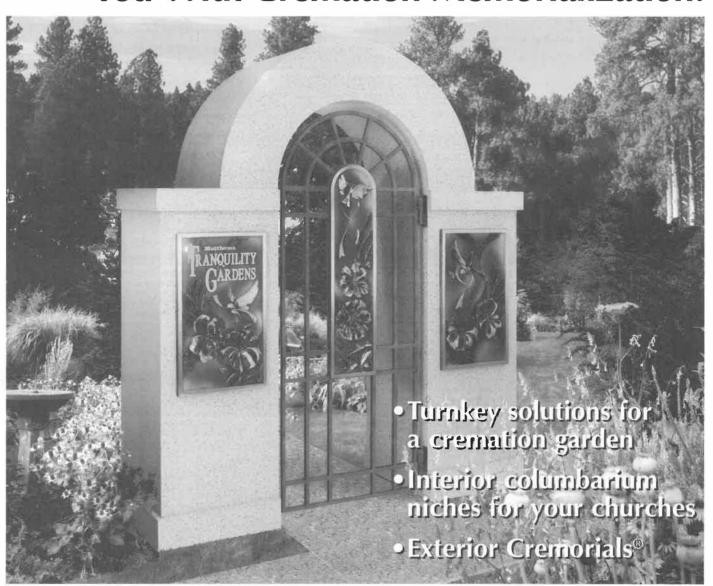
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