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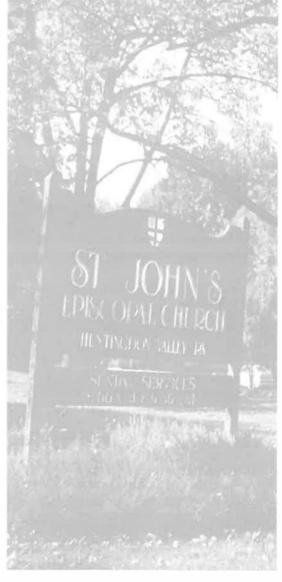


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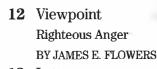




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SUNDAY'S **READINGS**

Sin and Forgiveness

"... you forgave me the guilt of my sin' (Psalm 32:6).

The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost, Nov. 4, 2001

Isaiah 1:10-20; Psalm 32 (or 32:1-8); 2 Thess. 1:1-5 (6-10) 11-12; Luke 19:1-10

It is sad how many people never become affiliated with churches and who leave congregations with which they have long been associated. A fair number do so because they believe that their sins are so serious that they can never be forgiven, at least by church authorities. True, the muchpublicized "defrocking" of clergy who admit to and repent of indiscretions cannot help but feed the suspicions of such persons by implying that there are unremittable sins. So is the readiness of a few Christian groups to excommunicate adherents whose behavior has fallen short of doctrinal requirements. In some sense, however, these people have something to teach us all. They recognize, if only unconsciously, the hypocrisy of the Christian proclamation of a God of unconditional grace and forgiveness and our practical functioning as institutions based on adherence to law.

Today's gospel makes it clear that there is no such thing as a sin which, given true repentance and amendment of life, is not forgiven and forgotten by God. Zacchaeus, a Roman tax collector and therefore a petty thief, has the honor of Jesus' issuing his own invitation to share a meal in the sinner's house, "Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Savior, 'Look, half of my

possessions I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I will pay back four times as much.' Then Jesus said to him. 'Today salvation has come to your house" (Luke 19:8-9a). And his sins are unconditionally forgiven, regardless of the open objection of religious officials.

Elsewhere, Jesus is asked by the Hebrew hierarchy what should be done to a woman caught in the act of adultery. "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her ... Go vour way, and do not sin again". he tells her (John 8:7b. 11b). Again, repentance and forgiveness, much to the dismay of the leaders of the faith, are shown to bring forgiveness. And it can certainly be argued that the "unforgivable" sin of Judas was not his betraval of the Lord (many of us, after all, have betrayed the Lord repeatedly), but rather his despair in believing himself to be utterly unworthy of forgiveness (Matt. 27:4-5). Even though many church leaders have trouble accepting the idea, God is not bound by the decisions of General Convention, General Synods, General Conferences, or by any form of ecclesiastical law.

There is no sin that with genuine repentance will not be forgiven by God.

Look It Up

What is the relationship between our forgiveness of others and God's ultimate forgiveness of us? (Matt 13:32-35).

Think About It

In what ways do the laws of institutional churches contradict Christ's law of love, and how does this keep and drive people away?

Next Sunday The 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Job 19:23-27a; Psalm 17 (or 17:1-8); 2 Thess. 2:13-3:5; Luke 20:27 (28-33) 34-38

Dealing with Our Grief

By Travis Du Priest



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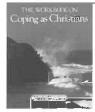


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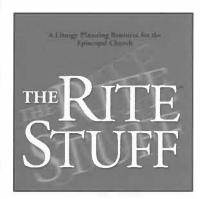
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2020 Task Force Grows in Membership

In the opening session of its fall meeting, the national Executive Council has decided to renew the commission of a task force charged with doubling average church attendance by 2020.

Meeting in Jacksonville, Fla., Oct. 15-18, council voted to retain all nine current task force members and add six additional ones. Two of the new members will be theologians. The Rt. Rev. Gethin Hughes, Bishop of San Diego, is chairman.

The 2020 task force was created in July 2000 by General Convention and charged with developing a comprehensive plan to implement a resolution to double membership. A slightly modified plan is now complete and was presented to Executive Council on the opening day of the Florida meeting.

The report attempts to anticipate a number of considerations which will have to be addressed in order to achieve the goal, including leadership training, the need for funding, and compilation of demographic information as well as opportunities to reach out to those — Hispanics are specifically mentioned — who have not traditionally been represented in the Episcopal Church in large numbers. The full report is available at www.episcopalchurch.org/2020tf.

In presenting the report to coun-

cil, the Rev. Richard Kew, a task force member, urged confidence in the concept of doubling average attendance within the next 20 years.

"The more that we've prayed and looked at possibilities, the more convinced I've become that this is something doable," he said. "We need to learn to make change our friend rather than something that frightens us."

Task force member the Rev. Sandra Wilson told council that she is a converted skeptic to the 2020 initiative. She sees it as an ideal marriage of the Anglican faith with the great commission.

"[This] gives us a place in which we are able to celebrate the mission of God without having to give up who we are," she said. "We are talking about new starts and restarts which can become soaring entities if they are willing to change."

In addition to the 2020 report, the Executive Council was to hold later in the meeting a discussion on the feasibility of moving the Church Center offices to the campus of the General Theological Seminary and an update on implementation of another General Convention resolution which seeks to ensure that women have full and equal access to ordained ministry in all dioceses.

BRIEFLY...

At its national assembly, **Forward in Faith** of Great Britain passed a resolution of solidarity with the Rev. Samuel L. Edwards, rector of Christ Church in Accokeek, Md., the vestry that called Fr. Edwards, and the Rt. Rev. Jack L. Iker, the Bishop of Fort Worth where Fr. Edwards is canonically resident.

Canterbury Cathedral was evacuated Oct. 14 after a man was seen dropping white powder in one of the chapels. The substance was removed for analysis by firefighters wearing chemical protection suits, according to *BBC News*, which reported that more than 200 people were inside the building at the time. Tests on the substance revealed it to be harmless.

Bishop Suffragan Elected in Southern Virginia

The Diocese of Southern Virginia has chosen a member of the Cherokee Nation to be its next bishop suffragan.



Ms. Gallagher

Prior to her third-ballot election on Oct. 13, the Rev. Carol Gallagher had been rector of St. Anne's Church in Middletown, Del., since 1996. She became the first indigenous female to be elected bishop.

Bishop-elect lagher, 45, has been a priest for 11 years after having received her Masters of Divinity from Episcopal Divinity School. In the Diocese of Delaware, Bishop-elect Gallagher has served as ecumenical officer, a consultant on clergy issues, a member of the standing committee, and a deputy to General Convention. On the national level, she has been a member of the Episcopal Council of Indian Ministries and the anti-racism committee. She has also served as co-chair on the Committee of the Status of Women, a member of the executive committee of the Council for the Development of Ministry, and was chaplain to the Episcopal Church

Assuming that sufficient consents are received, Bishop-elect Gallagher will be consecrated April 6, 2002, at St. Paul's College in Lawrenceville, Va. Her primary duties will be to provide pastoral care for clergy families and to work with small congregations.

Women's triennial in Philadelphia in

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Pickup	13	58	10	40	0	22

Down, Not Out

Pennsylvania Church is growing again after most of its members left for the AMiA.

throwing good money after bad when the Rt. Rev. Charles E. Bennison, Jr., Bishop of Pennsylvania,

announced that the diocese would replant an Episcopal congregation in Huntingdon Valley.

Last spring the rector and virtually the entire congregation departed for the Anglican Mission in America (AMiA) after a protracted and at times bitter theological dispute. When the diocese rejected an offer from the former congregation to buy the property, some questioned diocesan motivation when it said it wished to honor the intentions of Episcopalians from generations past.

Largely unreported at that time was the fact that Bishop Bennison had based his decision on conversations he had with several heirs of those who donated the original property. Since that time, the new congregation has experienced modest but steady growth and also a lucky break.

"This period of transition is hard for us, especially the separation from long-time friends and fellow communicants who decided to leave," said Joseph Herkness, a retired insurance executive and descendent of the family who originally donated part of the property. "We listened very carefully to the case for disengagement made by our former rector and some lay leaders. We did not find that it had merit nor did it represent our view of the bishop and his ministry."

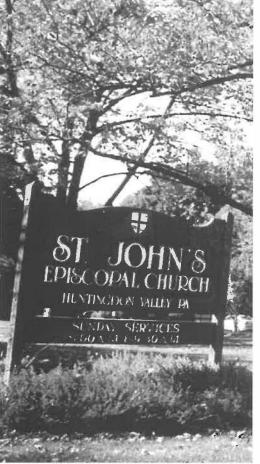
Prayer books and hymnals went back into pew racks, replacing older versions of each used by

Many thought the Diocese of Pennsylvania was the previous congregation. On the first Sunday after the restart was announced, attendance was 12, and the Rev. Raymond Atlee, priest-in-charge,

> admits the number was inflated by curiosity seekers. Fr. Atlee was not discouraged. He contacted as many members of the previous congregation as he could locate to let them know that the church was still there. He also began making house calls.

> inactive members began trickling back, average Sunday attendance has climbed to about 40. Future growth will probably have to come from new members rather than inactive former ones, and Fr. Atlee admits that the nearby area is well represented by Episcopal churches.

> Those efforts will be aided, however, by the discovery - soon after the new congregation got started of a computer floppy disk in the bottom of a desk drawer. contained financial records of an endowment totaling \$1 million. Since the previous congregation had not filed a parochial report for more than 10 years, the



Ed Manwaring photo

diocese was unaware of the extent of St. John's financial reserves.

Interest on the principle is sufficient to cover maintenance on the extensive building and grounds. Fr. Atlee and the diocese are confident that given time attendance will grow to the point where contributions from members will cover additional expenses.

"We are here to revisit the sublime beauty of the Episcopal liturgy," said Fr. Atlee when asked to describe his approach and personal style. "I like to stretch both left and right from the middle while avoiding extremes."

Porter Chair at General Seminary Honors Former TLC Editor

The General Theological Seminary (GTS) of New York City recently announced a \$1 million pledge to endow the professor of liturgics chair in memory of the Rev. Canon H. Boone Porter, Jr., noted theologian, teacher and former editor of THE LIVING CHURCH.

"My father ... saw in liturgy the recreation of life that empowers us to be more than the products of our own history and to become children of light," said the Rev. Nicholas T. Porter, on behalf of the H. Boone and Violet M. Porter Charitable Foundation. Inc.

Born in Louisville, Ky. in 1923, Canon Porter received his S.T.B. from Berkeley Divinity School and was subsequently ordained to the priesthood in the Diocese of Ken-



Canon Porter

tucky. After receiving his doctorate in 1954 from Oxford, he taught at Nashotah House; in 1960, he became the first professor of liturgics at GTS. The doctoral program in liturgy that he helped set up at

GTS was the first formal one in the country, according to the Rev. Thomas J. Talley, professor emeritus of liturgics at GTS.

"Those of us who were guided to the doctorate under Boone became professors in the field at Sewanee, Notre Dame, Seabury-Western, Nashotah House and GTS itself," Prof. Talley said. "It's hard to imagine a more fitting tribute than the establishment of the Porter Chair in Liturgics at GTS."

In the years following his departure from GTS in 1969, Canon Porter served the church as a member of the Standing Liturgical Commission, as a senior member of the liturgical studies consortium known as Associated Parishes, and as editor of The Living Church from 1977 to 1990. He died in 1999.

'Ministry of Presence' Planned for Dioceses Without Women Priests

In one of her final acts as president, Lyn Headley-Moore held a question-and-answer session on the "Angel Project" at the annual convention of the Episcopal Women's Caucus (EWC) Oct. 12-14 in Pittsburgh.

Ms. Moore said that sending women priests into the three remaining dioceses in which women are not ordained or licensed as priests would be done in a gentle and quiet manner. Several women priests already have agreed to make visits of up to two months to specific churches within those dioceses, Ms. Moore said. The dioceses are San

Joaquin, Quincy and Fort Worth.

The volunteers would wear clerical collars, attend the same church each Sunday, and stay afterward for the coffee hour. The caucus hopes that over time, members of those congregations will approach the women and engage them in conversation.

In some cases a church or individual might invite a woman priest to make a visitation, but the project may not necessarily be limited to places offering invitations. The goal is for a ministry of presence, Ms. Moore said. The visitations are expected to begin sometime next spring.

In April the caucus distributed a letter seeking funds in part to provide a stipend to those who volunteered. Among a number of other possibilities under consideration, the visitations could be made by retired female priests or combined with sabbatical work.

In other news, the board elected Ginger Paul of Western Louisiana to a three-year term as president of the 500-member caucus. She has previously served as vice president of EWC and president of the Episcopal Church Women, an unrelated organization.

Lutherans and Episcopalians Hold Conference on the Virgin Mary

From a technical point of view, Anglicans and Lutherans have essentially identical understandings of the place of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The differences occur in practice and are probably not insurmountable.

Grace Church, in Sheboygan, Wis., was host Oct. 12 to a conference on the place of Mary in Episcopal-Lutheran relations. The Rev. J. Robert Wright, professor of ecclesiastical history and chair of the historical field at the General Theological Seminary in New York

City, and Joy A. Schroeder, assistant professor of theology and religion at Trinity Lutheran Seminary and Capital University in Columbus, Ohio, were the featured speakers.

In commenting on Mary, Martin Luther sought to make a distinction between the honor due her as the mother of Christ and the trend toward idolatry that became prevalent during the Middle Ages.

"Among all the women of the world she has this privilege from God, that as a virgin she gave birth to the Son of God. But this must not be permitted to deprive her son of the glory of our redemption and deliverance," he wrote.

Included among the materials distributed to participants was a compilation of Lutheran-Episcopal festivals and commemoration days. The two days that are devoted to Mary in both churches – May 31 and Aug. 15 — might provide the basis for a deeper understanding of the importance of Mary to the average church member.



Left: Virginia Pfeiffer (left) of ECS Emergency Assistance, presented a "Baby Love Wraps" gift box to 7-month-old Alaric and his mother, Rachel Gmyr.

Below: Anna Gwyn May, of Episcopal Community Services (left), and Lynn McCoy, founder of "Baby Love Wraps," display two hand-knitted caps that will be given to infants through the agency's Emergency Assistance program in San Diego.

Camille Gavin photos

BABIES Wrapped in Love

By Camille Gavin

One year short of becoming a Lutheran minister, Lynn McCoy was convicted of kidnapping her braindamaged grandson whom she believed was being abused.

Now, at age 50, she is on parole and building a life for herself in San Diego. "Baby Love Wraps," a project she started while in prison, is part of that new beginning.

Ms. McCoy remembers well the "conversations" she had with God in 1993 when she began serving her sentence at Central California Women's Facility in Chowchilla.

"When I first saw the prison, I knew just how Jonah felt," she recalled. "At the same time there was that little voice, saying, 'It's OK, you're not alone. He's with you.'

"I spent a lot of time making a deal with God during that first month in prison. I told him that I could stand it if only he would show me how he wanted to use me here."

She learned the value of daily prayer and Bible study from her grandmother. When she was a child of 5, that same grandmother taught her to crochet. In a way that some might call pre-destined, her daily devotions and her skill with a crochet hook were the impetus for the project called "Baby Love Wraps."

"I got this idea that there were babies out there who needed help. I had been making blankets and stuffing them in my locker in the handcrafts room. I didn't have anyone to send them to."

By this time, Ms. McCoy, a successful businesswoman before her incar-

ceration, had become a peer counselor and a member of the prison's women's advisory council. Her status allowed her to attend a banquet where she met a representative from Valley Children's Hospital in Fresno.

"I asked if he perceived any kind of need," she said. "He was most open to [our making] blankets, hats and booties for the children."

The project she initiated now is part of the handcrafts program in all California women's prisons. Ms. McCoy believes that her love of crocheting brought at least one of her cellmates

"For some of these babies, it's the only gift they'll ever receive."

— Lynn McCoy



closer to God, a 26-year-old convicted of drug abuse and prostitution.

One day Suzie (not her real name) commented that Ms. McCoy was "awfully quiet" while she crocheted. "Why is that?" she said.

Ms. McCoy explained that she was praying for the life of the child who would receive the blanket.

That puzzled Suzie. "How can you pray for somebody you don't know?" she asked.

"It's easy," Ms. McCoy replied, "because God knows who this baby is, even if it's one that hasn't been born yet." The two women gradually built a lasting relationship through prayer, Bible study and worship.

Upon her release from prison in 1999, Ms. McCoy went to work for Episcopal Community Services (ECS) of San Diego as facilities manager. The Rev. Amanda May, ECS director, offered to incorporate Baby Love Wraps as one of the agency's programs. Today, handcrafters in several parishes of the Diocese of San Diego are participating. ECS emergency assistance coordinator, Anna Gwyn May, distributes the blankets, booties and caps to parents of Head Start infants, foster children, and others in need. As the supply increases, Ms. McCoy hopes to link up with the neonatal unit at Balboa Naval Hospital.

"For some of these babies, it's the only gift they'll ever receive," she said. "Many at-risk babies don't live beyond five years."

Camille Gavin is a member of St. Timothy's Church, San Diego, Calif.

Did You Know...

The Rev. Joel Dingman, priest of All Saints' Church, Wheatland, Wyo., is the mayor of Wheatland.

Quote of the Week

New York City Mayor Rudolf Giulliani, speaking at a prayer service at Yankee Stadium, on St. Paul's Chapel of Trinity Parish: "The presence of that chapel, standing defiant and serene amid the ruins, sends an eloquent message about the strength and resilience of the people of New York and the people of America."

Around the Church via the Web

Four years ago I wrote a column about parish websites. Those were the early days of websites for churches, and at that time I wanted to point out some of the interesting things web surfers could find. It's time to revisit church websites. They exist in far greater numbers than in 1997, and they're much more attractive and comprehensive than they used to be.

I have picked out some websites worth a visit. They may not be the fanciest sites, or from the largest parishes. They are simply places worth spending some time. In order that I can't be accused of geographic bias, I have selected one website from each of the church's eight domestic provinces. Here they are:



Trinity Church, Lime Rock, Conn. — You get the feeling you'd be welcome if you showed up at this church on a Sunday morning. This site has

an efficient directory, lots of links, copies of recent sermons, and an interesting worship Q&A. Lots of photos of parishioners. It's clear these folks are proud of their new organ. www.trinitylimerock.org.



St. Peter's, Mountain Lakes, N.J. — After spending a few minutes at this site, I decided this is a church I'd like to visit. It claims to be the only church in the Diocese

of Newark which provides signing interpreters for the deaf and hard of hearing. The site has an up-to-date calendar of events and a good section for its youth. It provides lots of information about the congregation. www.stpeters.addr.com.



Christ Church, Bluefield, W. Va. — Don't miss this site. It's billed as "the web's most

comprehensive Episcopal Church site," and I believe it. There are about 90 pages to visit, including an interesting history with photos. You can hear a huge variety of tunes from the 1982 hymnal, courtesy of St. Andrew's, Newport News, Va., and there is a tremendous variety of links. Webmaster Don Williams deserves the credit. www.cecblf.org.



All Saints', Atlanta — Great variety at this site from "popcorn theology" to the Union of Black Episcopalians.

Very informative about the parish and an interesting variety of photographs, including a particularly good one of the interior of the church. There are timely announcements which ought to be of use to members of this congregation.

www.allsaintsatlanta.org.



St. Paul's, Cleveland Heights, Ohio — There's a contemporary look to this site. It presents a considerable amount of material related to

the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, including a good introduction to Islam. A useful variety of links is presented, ranging from a South African monastery to the Willow Creek non-denominational church.

www.en.com/stpauls.



Grace and St. Stephen's, Colorado Springs, Colo. — A stunning interior photo of this lovely church greets the visitor to this site. This parish is the

home of the Anglican Institute, and a link sends people there. An unusual presentation of information rolls by. You can listen to the church's choir sing Tallis canticles for Evensong. www.graceandststephens.org.



St. John the Divine, Houston — This parish, one of the largest in the Episcopal Church, has a nicely designed, efficient site. You can read past newslet-

ters, hear recent sermons, participate in a variety of discussion groups, and order things from the bookstore. Particularly effective are sections for young persons. www.sid.org.



Grace Cathedral, San Francisco — There's something for everyone here. Particularly impressive are broadcasts of the Eucharist, sermons and the Sunday forum.

There are video selections, including a tour of the cathedral, a greeting from the dean, and members sharing their faith. You can search the library or buy things from the gift shop. www.gracecom.org.

No doubt I have failed to list some of your favorites. If I know anything about TLC readers, you will let me know about the sites I should have included.

David Kalvelage, executive editor

(Each picture from the head page of the website indicated.)

Washington's Election

While a disproportionate share of attention has been devoted to the disputed call of a rector at Christ Church in Accokeek, Md., the Diocese of Washington has been preparing quietly to elect its next bishop.

Recent events may not be encouraging to everyone affected by the outcome. In June, the original profile of the diocese was changed by the search committee to state that a bishop must be someone "firmly committed to the full inclusion of women and gay and lesbian people in the life of the church." In October, the standing committee announced that nominations by petition would require the signatures of at least 25 canonically resident clergy and 75 communicant members in good standing of parishes in the diocese.

It is not unusual for interested groups to maneuver for advantage prior to the election. And a diocese, of course, can prepare for an election in any manner it chooses, but taken together the requirements listed above would appear to leave little room for the work of the Holy Spirit.

The election of the Bishop of Washington, and all episcopal elections, should be a matter of interest to all Episcopalians because the entire church is a participant in and affected by the outcome. Whomever the Diocese of Washington elects will need the consents of at least two-thirds of all diocesan bishops and standing committees. If approved, the new Bishop of Washington will also become a member of the House of Bishops with all the privileges and responsibilities that entails.

According to tradition, reason and scripture, the selection of an Episcopal bishop is not a political contest, but rather the will of God expressed through an act of the community. We should pray that the outcome on Jan. 24 reflects that ideal.

Stirring Examples

The Viewpoint article by the Rev. James Flowers in this issue [p.12] is representative of the response to the terrorist attacks on this country by clergy and other leaders. Many articles and sermons have been sent to us since the shocking events of Sept. 11. There are countless other examples on the internet and in diocesan and other newspapers. Many of them are written with a passion and inspiration seldom shown by Episcopalians. They are stirring examples of leadership in a church often criticized for a lack of leaders.

Meanwhile, Episcopalians continue to be active near the site of the World Trade Center. Clergy from New York City parishes and elsewhere are providing pastoral care to workers and volunteers. Members of many congregations assist cleanup efforts in a multitude of ways, and countless numbers have contributed to relief efforts. Episcopalians should be proud of the response shown by their clergy and fellow church members.

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VIEWPOINT

Righteous

Anger

By James E. Flowers

The first thing I think we need to understand about the horror of Sept. 11 is that it was nothing less than the personification of evil, spawned by Satan himself. Evil is indeed alive and well on planet earth. Moreover, it is possible for men, even men who begin with a good or noble idea, to become so overcome by evil that they become evil men and so must be opposed at all costs.

Second, I have been hearing a lot of psychobabble coming from people of faith since the attack, about how our anger, our outrage, is a thing that must be "got over," a thing that we must "work through" as though it were some physical or psychological illness. I want to suggest that this is nonsense. In fact, we are angry because we are a moral people. We're not perfect. We make lots of mistakes and do wrong things all the time, but we are essentially a moral people who know the difference between right and wrong. And when moral people are confronted with massive immorality, massive evil, we get angry and we don't need to go to a therapist to get over it.

I believe that God has placed within us this capacity for righteous anger, precisely so that we might oppose evil with vigor and courage. Righteous anger is not the kind of anger that one must "get over;" rather it is the kind of anger which only finds its consummation in victory, or death. Righteous anger has nothing to do with retaliation, retribution, or vengeance. Righteous anger

In saying this, I do not mean that we

simply says this is wrong, and I will

should feel angry all the time. Nor am I saying that we ought to brood or hate. Righteous anger is not so much a feeling as it is a way of seeing and responding to the world based upon moral principle.

It is important to understand that here I am not talking about the anger which arises from day-to-day living, from squabbles with one's spouse or co-worker, petty or otherwise, or from

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a variety of irritants by which small misunderstandings and abuses can elicit rage and retaliation.

Clearly scripture directs that Christians must deal with those kinds of situations swiftly, seeking understanding and reconciliation as quickly as possible. However, there is no connection, no point of contact, rationally, bibli-

cally, or theologically, between those sorts of things and the kind of catastrophic mass murder which our nation experienced on Sept. 11. It is simply not comparable.

Finally, I must report that I have been troubled by the response of many throughout the nation who are urging us to forgive. For while our God is a God who forgives, and while we are likewise called to forgive, for-

giveness can only occur when there is repentance. Where there is no repentance, where there is no contrition, there can be no forgiveness. Though we might wish for the sake of our own peace of minds to forgive and forget, we cannot do so.

For, in fact, forgiveness is not a psychological technique designed to make folks feel better. Rather it is God's response to a sorrowful and contrite heart, to one who has seen and recognized the evil he or she has done, and now turned from that evil. As such, forgiving one who is not repentant is not just inappropriate, it is blasphemous, and in this case it is not an option for Christians.

I would hasten to add that as Christians we must be ready to forgive. We must stand poised to offer God's forgiveness and our own, so that if repentance occurs, forgiveness swiftly follows. We stand in love, ready, willing, and able to

offer God's forgiveness to any and all who seek it. But at the same time we understand that though forgiveness, like grace, is given freely, it does not come cheaply.

The Rev. James E. Flowers is the rector of St. Timothy's Church, Alexandria, La.

oppose it with all my strength.

Equipped for Ministry

U.S.POSTAG

After reading the Viewpoint article by Fr. Simon [TLC, Aug. 26], concerning Canon III.9 ordinations, I asked our diocesan staff if they had received any e-mails requesting information about Canon 9 ordinations in this diocese. I was informed that no such survey had been directed to South Dakota. That is unfortunate since South Dakota was one of those dioceses for which Canon III.9 was designed.

Why are Canon III.9 ordinations important for South Dakota? The Diocese of South Dakota is comprised of 93 churches of which there are only 18 parishes. The remaining 75 congregations are mission churches and of those, 63 are primarily Native American congregations located in nine Indian reservations. In 1975, there were 10 full-time stipendiary native clergy; in 2000 there were only three full-time stipendiary native clergy. The balance of church leadership in these mission congregations are locally ordained priests and deacons under Canon III.9, and licensed lay ministers.

Furthermore, most mission congregations are unable to afford a full-time seminary-trained priest. Given the fact that three of the poorest counties in this country are found in South Dakota, resources for ministry are limited and thus creative approaches to church leadership are called for. If we believe that all Episcopalians have a right to the Eucharist, and that each Episcopal congregation, whether that congregation be a cathedral or a preaching station on the Pine Ridge, has the potential for ministry by virtue of baptism, exercised fully in the local community, then the road to ordination must be such that all persons who are called to ordained ministry can be equipped and trained for that ministry, including those who are unable to attend a residential seminary.

In a word, one size does not fit all. And for South Dakota, Canon III.9 helps ensure that our small, rural congregations have everything they need for ministry.

The Rev. Karen E. Hall Consultant for Ministry Development Diocese of South Dakota Sioux Falls, S.D.

Back to Normal

David Kalvelage's column, "Kinder, Gentler for a Moment" [TLC, Oct. 14] is so very true. We, as a country and those of us who are members of the Episcopal Church for the most part were "Kinder, Gentler for a Moment." Here in our nation's capital, people were very considerate following the events of Sept. 11. People were smiling and greeting their fellow citizens on the street. Flags were flying from car antennas. We were a patriotic and thankful country.

Now, four weeks later, we are back to the "one-finger" salute, no more flags, and language befitting a drunken sailor. The thank yous and pleases are history. Yes, our nation is back to normal. A sorry sight to behold.

Things are no different in Milwaukee than they are in Washington, D.C. How many incidents like Sept. 11 will it take before the American people grasp the "Golden Rule" and live by it? Time is not on our side.

Wilson Hulley Chevy Chase, Md.

The Value of Studies

"No one, so far as I know, has ever come into a saving relationship with the living God through knowing how many authors there were of Isaiah, or what the "Q" document might actually contain, or how the Essene community viewed the coming of the Messiah," wrote Daniel Muth [TLC, Oct. 7].

Mr. Muth downplays the importance of biblical scholarship in order to push his point that modern biblical studies lend little or no support to arguments favoring the recognition of homosexual relationships within the church. Not only does Mr. Muth downplay such forms of study, in two paragraphs he dismisses the three years of the biblical studies taught in most Episcopal seminaries.

As for coming to a "saving relationship" with God, some of us have arrived at that relationship because we have undertaken biblical studies and have experienced the knowledge and faith of those who have taught us. Information, knowledge, and understanding are



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essential to belief for many of us. Admittedly, some folks, perhaps like Mr. Muth, have come to faith long before coming to understanding. Certainly, that is a legitimate approach to belief. But others of us need to understand before we can believe, before we come fully to that "saving relationship."

It appears from his article that Mr. Muth has a neat and tidy faith which answers his questions and supplies his needs as well as supports his agenda. He's a fortunate man.

> (The Rev. Canon) James W. McLeod Palo Alto, Calif.

What is that exercises Mr. Muth so violently? What does he fear? I have asked myself what Jesus would do to gay couples who approach him. The Jesus I know would embrace them, bless them, and encourage the use of their gifts in the ministries of the community.

Mr. Muth needs to be a grownup, and as he says, explore more realistically the gifts all (gay and straight) have received,

B.J. Brooks El Cajon, Calif.

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on whether or not
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A 'Dinosaur' Responds

Thank you so much for Brad McIntyre's insightful article on how to ruin a perfectly good church by destroying the ministry of a faithful dinosaur, such as me [TLC, Sept. 9].

I'm a late vocation priest, 56 years old, retired Army, now for 12 years in a single parish that had been not so successfully yoked with other churches for all of its 124 years before my arrival. I expect to remain here another 10 years or so.

Though my parish, under my leadership, reached independent status, has nearly doubled in size, built a \$200,000 Christian education center, developed two levels of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, instituted EFM for adults, established Cursillo, has a robust adult Sunday school, is a sponsor of Habitat for Humanity, etc., etc., I, in Fr. McIntyre's mind, am "a pastor staying too long," unable to reinvent myself. According to him I should have been fired seven or eight years ago, like a Methodist rookie or a Baptist "downsizee" because I'm only good for five years.

I notice Fr. McIntyre isn't listed in my 1996 copy of the *Episcopal Church Annual*, so I assume he wasn't yet ordained back then. Well, he's had probably five years to

learn something. OK, Fr. McIntyre. How bout you come replace me, and I'll replace you. See you in 2011.

(The Rev.) James D. Chipps Grace Church Casanova, Va.

Exceptions Made

I noted with surprise the comments of a member of the clergy from an Orthodox church [TLC, Oct. 7] regarding the ELCA's recent by-law and the problems it might pose to our communion (Called to Common Mission). My surprise comes in part from the historical fact of how much more broadly the Eastern Church interpreted its bishops' authority to delegate sacramental functions to presbyters in the first millennium of our history than we did in the West. For example, the laying on of hands after baptism for what the Western Church came to call confirmation. In both Eastern and Western churches the presidency of the Eucharist has been a delegated function in contrast to the early church.

The notion of delegation of a sacramental function to another order under special circumstances should not be new to us either. Note the instructions regarding emergency baptism (BCP p. 313). The sacrament is valid when exercised by any baptized Christian — not just clergy — and it does not require a "new theology" of baptism as much as a commitment to an ideal of sacramental unity in the bonds of love.

In the Ministry to the Sick, the rubric on p. 456 states "in case of necessity a deacon or lay person may perform the anointing using oil blessed by a bishop or priest."

Finally, in the Celebration of New Ministry there is another example on page 558. It states: "the chief minister is normally the bishop, but, if necessary, a deputy may be appointed ..." During the Induction (p. 561) it is the bishop who presents the gift of water and says "N., take this water and help me baptize in obedience to our Lord." Later adding "Let all these be signs of the ministry which is mine and yours (the bishop and yours) in this place.

Each of these illustrations of exceptions is made to meet the needs of God's people. I strongly suspect we all have some reflecting to do on whether or not we may entrust the gifts we have received into each other's hands.

(The Rev.) Paul Robinson St. Mary's Church Belleview, Fla.

One Small Finial

We have watched the restoration progress on our beloved historical church. Project after project has been completed. New heat and air conditioning systems have been installed. Pealing plaster has been removed and replaced with better materials to prevent more pealing. The pews have been removed, redone and stored awaiting replacement. Fresh paint in lighter colors has been applied and a new roof installed. We have watched and rejoiced as each project has been completed or nearly completed. Yet, work that was to have been totally finished by Easter now lingers on in July as we await

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arrival of new lights which the manufacturer says are complete except for one small finial. A construction crew awaits one small finial. Our architects wait for one small finial. We, the congregation exiled from our church, wait for one small finial. Everything awaits the completion of that small part which is so essential for holding together the lights. All work is stopped as we wait for one small finial to be made and delivered to the lighting manufacturers.

The phrase "one small finial" has been echoing in my thoughts until I have begun asking myself, "What is the one small finial in my life?" Reluctantly, I let the phrase do its work within my heart. Do I have something in my own life that is preventing the light of God's grace from shining within? Is there something that I regard as small, which prevents wholeness within me?

Perhaps, as a congregation, waiting and wondering when the lights will arrive, we can use the time to let God search us for that one small thing within us individually or within us corporately. What is preventing us from receiving the abundance of God's grace and wholeness? What is preventing us from radiating God's glory to the world? An attitude, a cherished hurt, an activity God would like us to give up, a new priority for our time. Maybe he is asking us to let him have more importance in our lives. Maybe he is asking us to let him into our lives daily. Unlike the lighting manufacturer, God is not vague. He subcontracted the work to us. The whole deal is between him and us. In this case, the responsibility for responding to God, letting him complete his work, lies with us. We control successful completion of this project.

This year, we have restored and renovated the historic building in which we worship. Now, during the final weeks of the renovation, it is time for us to let God work within us, restoring and renovating us, removing that one small thing from our lives so that we will be his newly recreated people within His newly restored house. May God grant us the courage to open ourselves to him so that he may find the "one small finial" within us.

> Charlene K. Elmore Thibodaux, La.

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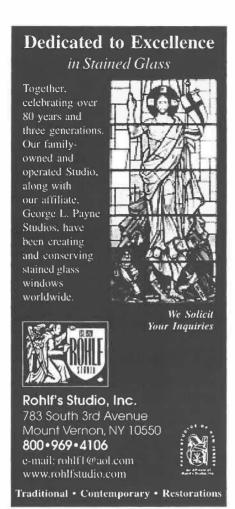


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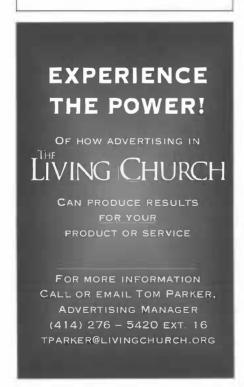
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The Rev. **Haywood Spangler** is priest-incharge of Good Shepherd, Hickory Hill, and Grace, Red Hill, VA.

The Rev. **Shanna Suarez** is rector of St. Augustine's, 14700 N May Ave., Oklahoma City, OK 73134.

The Rev. Laura Toepfer is assistant at Harcourt Parish, Gambier, OH, and Episcopal chaplain to Kenyon College.

The Very Rev. **Art Tripp** is rector of Holy Trinity, PO Box 1016, Raton, NM 87740.

The Rev. **Nancy M. Turner** is assistant at Ascension, PO Box 482, Frankfort, KY 40602.

The Rev. **J. Coleman Tyler** is associate at Galilee, 3928 Pacific Ave., Virginia Beach, VA 23451.

The Rev. **Brian Lee VanderWel** is associate of Christ Church, 103 W Jefferson St., Charlottesville, VA 22902.

The Rev. **Paul Winton** is rector of St. David's, PO Box 398, Roswell, GA 30077-0398.

Depositions

Texas — Matthew Kessler.

Ordinations

Deacons

Bethlehem — Elizabeth Diely, St. Margaret's, 150 Elm St., Emmaus, PA 18049; John Heffner, Trinity, Pottsville, and St. James', Schuylkill Haven, P'A; Hazel Hunt, Christ Church, 1 Main St., Towanda, PA 18848; Gregory Malia, Trinity, 220 Montgomery Ave., West Pittston, PA 18643.

Olympia — **Dennis Taylor**, serving in the Komo Kulshan Cluster.

Southeast Florida — Vivian Hopkins, Christ Church, PO Box 33006, Miami, FL 33133; Doris Ingraham, Transfiguration, PO Box 272, Opa Locka, FL 33054; Patricia Masterman, St. Andrew's, 100 N Palm Way, Lake Worth, FL 33460-3515; Eric Shoemaker, St. John's, 145 NE 10th St., Homestead, FL 33030.

Wyoming — Velma Chavez.

Priests

Bethlehem — **Jeffrey Funk**, rector of St. Mary's, 100 W Windsor St., Reading, PA 19601.

Receptions

Texas — **Johannes George** and **Jose Palma** as priests.

Resignations

The Rev. **Phil Ashey**, as rector of St. Stephen's, McKeesport, PA.

The Rev. **Dann Brown**, as rector of Grace-Calvary, Clarkesville, GA.

The Rev. **Dennett Buettner**, as priest-incharge of St. Matthew's, Homestead, PA.

The Rev. **Kym Lucas**, as rector of Christ Church, North Hills, PA.

The Rev. **Jane McDermott**, as rector of St. Andrew's, Canfield, OH.

The Rev. **Eric Turner**, as vicar of Christ Church, Three Bridges, NJ.

Retirements

The Rev. **Paul Owen Brisbane**, as rector of St. James', Meeker, CO.

The Rev. **Charles Curtis**, as rector of St. Alban's, Bay City, MI.

The Rev. **Jan Davey**, as vicar of St. Thomas a Becket, Roswell, NM.

The Rev. **Paul R. Dicks**, as rector of St. Paul's, Carlinville, and St. Peter's, Chesterfield, IL.

The Rev. Walter Duvall, as vicar of St. John's, Sewaren, and St. John's, Fords, NJ.

The Rev. **Patty Ann T. Earle**, as interim rector of St. Anne's, Winston-Salem, NC.

The Rev. **Edward B. Gammons, Jr.**, as rector of All Saints', Bay Head, NJ.

The Rev. **William Lantz**, as rector of St. Dunstan's, Succasunna, NJ.

The Rev. **Thomas Larison Phillips**, as vicar of St. Christopher's, Rantoul, IL.

The Rev. **Terry Taylor**, as rector of St. Bartholomew's, Mayfield Village, OH.

The Rev. **Virginia Sheay**, as rector of St. Luke's, Ewing, NJ.

The Rev. **Philip Swickard**, as vicar of St. Mary's, Lovington, NM.

The Rev. **Bill Tompkin**, as deacon at St. John's, Cuyahoga Falls, OH.

Corrections

The Rev. **Nancy Moore** [TLC, Oct. 14] serves the congregations of St. John's, Brownsville Junction, St. Augustine's, Dover-Foxcroft, and the Jubilee Center Ministry at Trinity, Lewiston, in the Diocese of Maine.

The Rev. **Dahn Dean Gandell** is rector of St. John's, 11 Episcopal Ave., Honeoye Falls, NY 14472.

Deaths

The Rev. **Earl Hubert Brill**, 75, priest and educator, died from liver cancer Sept. 19 at his home in Durham, NC.

Fr. Brill was born in Abingdon, PA, and was a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and Philadelphia Divinity School. He also earned a master's degree from Princeton and a doctorate from American University. He was ordained deacon and priest in 1956 and became vicar of Epiphany, Royersford, PA, serving there until 1959. He was chaplain at the University of Pennsylvania, 1959-61 and chaplain at American U., 1961-74. From 1974 to 1983 he was director of studies at the College of Preachers and a canon at Washington National Cathedral. He was chaplain at Duke University from 1984 until 1991, when he retired. In recent years he was dire ctor of the Diocese of North Carolina's Deacon Formation Program. He was the author of several books and many articles in various periodicals. He is survived by his wife, Margaret; daughters Lesley, Round Hill, VA, and Grace, Santa Fe, NM; a son, Kenneth, Atlanta, GA, and two grandchildren.

The Rev. **Jean Ancona Goldberg**, 89, priest of the Diocese of the Rio Grande, died Sept. 10 in Albuquerque, NM.

Ms. Goldberg was a native of Rochester, NY. She attended Wellesley College. After a secular career, she was ordained deacon in 1981 and priest in 1983 in the Diocese of the Rio Grande. She was an active member of the Third Order of the Society of St. Francis, serving as chaplain of its Milagro Fellowship until this year. In recent years she assisted at the Cathedral of St. John in Albuquerque.

The Rev. **James William Hines, Jr.**, assistant at St. John's, Johns Island, SC, died suddenly July 28 at his home in Charleston, SC. He was 57.

He was a native of Mansfield, LA, a graduate of Valdosta (Ga.) State University and Virginia Theological Seminary. He was ordained to the diaconate in 1989 and to the priesthood in 1990. He was assistant at Our Savior, Martinez, GA, 1989-90, rector of St. Matthew's, Fort Motte, SC, 1990-95. In recent years he was a counselor in the Florida Department of Corrections, then a family therapist with the Dorchester County (SC) Department of Mental Health. Fr. Hines is survived by his wife, Annakey, and two daughters, Parie, of Seattle, WA, and Molly, of Jacksonville, FL.

The Rev. **George M. Sheldon**, 75, a former missionary to Ecuador, died of cancer Sept. 25 at his home in Lacey, WA, following a long illness.

Fr. Sheldon was born in Pasadena, CA. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy and then served as a naval officer until 1959. He went on to the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, graduating in 1962. He was ordained deacon that year and priest in 1963. He served briefly at St. Mark's, Crockett, CA, St. Thomas', Rodeo, CA, St. Mark's, Palo Alto, CA, and St. Paul's, Salt Lake City, UT, before returning to active duty as a Navy chaplain. He retired from the Navy in 1971, then worked for the State of Washington. In 1982, he and his wife, Joan, went to Ecuador as missionaries, where they started the Episcopal Seminary for the Diocese of Quito. He returned to the U.S. in 1984. In recent years he was active in interim and supply ministry in the Diocese of Olympia. He was also a member of the clergy team at St. Benedict's, Lacey, WA. He is survived by his wife, Joan, a daughter, Jennifer Toombs, a son, David, and a brother, L. Edward.

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