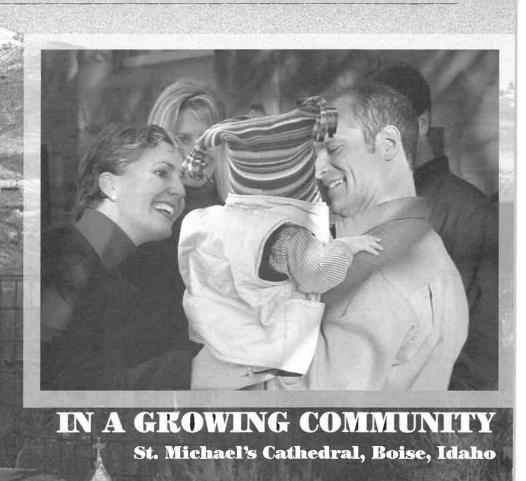
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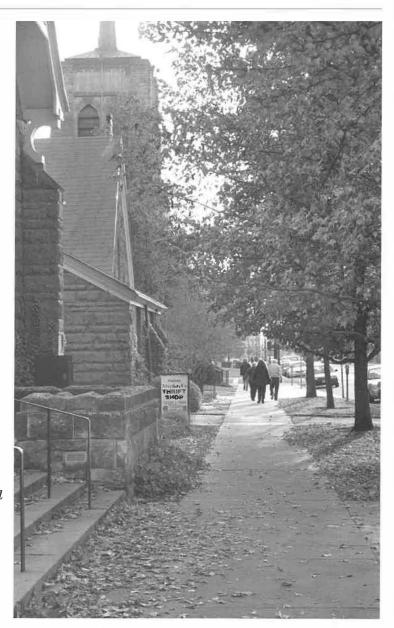
Camille (left) and David McCauley and their son, Jonas, visit with others outside St. Michael's after a Sunday morning service.

John Schuessler photos

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In a Growing Community St. Michael's, Boise, is a thriving parish working out its role as a cathedral in a capital city. BY JOHN SCHUESSLER.



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SUNDAY'S READINGS

Stunningly Fruitful

'Unfit to be called an apostle'

(1 Cor. 15:9)

The Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany, Feb. 4, 2001

Judges 6:11-24a; Psalm 85 or 85:7-13; 1 Cor. 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

In the first lesson for today, the Lord addresses Gideon as a "mighty warrior." Yet at the time, Gideon is hiding from the enemies of Israel — hardly the action one expects of a mighty warrior! Later events, however, show that the Lord drew forth from Gideon the faithfulness needed for success in battle.

Similarly, in the gospel Jesus calls Simon to let down his nets for a catch. Simon has just returned with an empty ship after an unproductive night of fishing. Like Gideon, he obeys and becomes stunningly fruitful. Obedience to the Lord is vital in both cases to the success of the vocation. To one way of thinking, Saul of Tarsus was the least likely person to be called to be an apostle

— much less one as abundantly fruitful as he became after he answered the call. In his own words, "I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it" (Gal. 1:13). Yet in today's epistle, he gives glory to God for his call and the success of his ministry: "By the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain" (1 Cor. 15:10).

Very often, God calls to a given ministry or task those who appear to be the least suitable for it. When he does so, it is made clear that the grace of success comes from God and does not depend upon human skill. Often, what is needed in his servants is not so much skill as it is obedience, trust and willingness to serve.

Look It Up

What did the Lord answer Paul when Paul prayed that an unspecified weakness be removed from him? Read 2 Corinthians 12:9.

Think About It

Have you ever been surprised by being fruitful in a ministry you took on which you didn't care for and in which you did not have any skills? Where did the fruitfulness come from?

Next Sunday

The Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany

Jer. 17:5-10; Psalm 1; 1 Cor. 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26

SHORT & SHARP

By Travis Du Priest



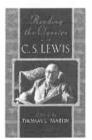
JESUS: Everything You Need to Know to Figure Him Out. By Mark Littleton, Westminster John Knox. Pp. 224. \$16.95, paper.

An intriguing little reference book by a pastor who has written for a number of newspapers and magazines.

Alphabetically arranged references relating to Jesus, from scripture, pop culture, history and trivia: Littleton's personal take on the Lord's Supper is followed by "Weird Uses of the Host from the Lord's Supper," for example.

STORIES JESUS STILL TELLS: The Parables. By John Claypool. Cowley. Pp. 156. \$12.95

A second revised edition of a 1993 book by John Claypool, who shows how the parables, through surprise and insight, allow Jesus to still speak to us today. In his first chapter the author gives an excellent paraphraseexplication of the stages of prayer from St. Bernard's "On Loving God."



READING THE CLASSICS WITH C.S. LEWIS. Edited by Thomas L. Martin. Baker. Pp. 410. \$24.99

One of the better books to come along on C.S. Lewis. It is good to remember that Lewis taught literature and was an important

critic and historian of literature. These essays illuminate his love of Milton, Spenser, Shakespeare, classical literature, as well as reading for pleasure he insists on a theory of literature that includes "The Tale of Peter Rabbit."

THE FRIEND OF THE BRIDEGROOM: Spiritual Direction and the Encounter with Christ. By Thomas H. Green. Ave Maria. Pp. 128. \$9.95 paper.

Many readers will recall Fr. Green's When the Well Runs Dry, one I've recommended probably more than any others to people whose prayer life is on the skids. It is good to have his thoughts again. Here he draws from John of the Cross's cautions against spiritual directors who lack experience and sensitivity yet are vain and possessive.

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Proposal Calls for Mutual Accountability

Calling it "a serious contribution to debate," the Most Rev. George L. Carey, Archbishop of Canter-



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"This and other useful contributions will assist the primates in developing, collegially, their role within the Anglican Communion."

bury, responded to a proposal put forth by two primates which if passed would for the first time make the the provinces of the Anglican Communion mutually accountable.

The proposal, co-authored by the Most Rev. Maurice Sinclair, Presiding Bishop of the Southern Cone in South America and the Most Rev. Drexel Gomez, Archbishop of the West Indies, is outlined in the book *To Mend the Net: Anglican Faith and Order for Renewed Mission*. The two archbishops have said they will present the proposal at a meeting of the primates March 2-9 at Kanuga Conference Center in Hendersonville, N.C.

"This and other useful contributions will assist the primates in developing, collegially, their role within the Anglican Communion," Archbishop Carey told the *Church Times*.

He added a cautionary note to all parties that while much may be gained by healthy debate, much will be lost by action which challenges lawful authority in the body of Christ.

Under the proposed plan, primates would be required to inform each other of innovations and hold back from implementation if such action is opposed by a significant minority of fellow primates. If a province chose to proceed anyway, it could be demoted to "observer status" within the communion. A final step contemplates suspending communion with the "intransigent body" and creating a new province to cover its former geographical area.

In discussing the proposal, Archbishop Sinclair said *To Mend the Net* builds on several previous attempts to find a way to resolve disputes within the Anglican Communion and on a resolution of the 1998 Lambeth Conference which suggested an enhanced role for the Primates' Meeting.

Archbishop Sinclair and other primates have said in the past that actions which are contrary to traditional interpretations of scripture, such as the ordination of non-celibate homosexuals, blessings of same-sex partnerships and easy policies on remarriage, have powerful repercussions in other parts of the communion, especially countries in which Islam is the dominant religion.

Making Contacts Among the Difficult Tasks Following Earthquake in El Salvador

Churches and homes in the western part of the country suffer greatly.

As soon as banks opened Jan. 16, following the Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday, Episcopal Relief and Development sent an emergency grant of \$25,000 to the Diocese of El Salvador for earthquake relief. The diocese is part of the Anglican Church in the Province of Central America.

Communication with San Salvador and outlying areas was difficult. Later that morning, Abagail Nelson, director of Latin American programs, reported that she had spoken with the diocesan treasurer, Ana Emilia Gomez, who said that the bishop, the Rt. Rev. Martin de Jesus Barahona, was on his way home from a conference of Latin American bishops in Columbia. Ms. Nelson said he was having difficulty getting a flight into San Salvador.

Everyone "suffered a great deal of damage to their churches and houses in the western part of the country, and the cathedral in particular, San Juan La Evangelista, is structurally compromised.

"The dean of the cathedral, the Very Rev. Luis Serrano, was evacuated from his home as it lies in the area of the mudslide near Santa Tecla. The area continues to suffer aftershocks and the diocesan office experienced a strong one this morning, and one small girl (4 years old) from an Episcopal congregation was killed nearby." The dean and his family are presently staying at the diocesan center, which appears undamaged.

Malaika Kamunanwire of ER&D said personnel were working to discover what was needed in the diocese. "We are also in discussion about what is needed long-term, once other agencies have left."

Ms. Nelson said some rural areas had not been contacted as yet, especially in the southwest where towns were totalled. "And it keeps happening — the aftershocks are bringing down compromised buildings." She reported that the diocese was forming a Standing Committee for the Emergency, to include the bishop, the dean, and all priests of the diocese.

Contributions labeled "Earthquake Relief" may be sent to: Episcopal Relief and Development, Box 12043, Newark NJ 07101. Credit card donations may be made by calling Episcopal Relief and Development at 800-334-7626 x5129. Information is available on the web at www.er-d.org

Outstanding Architecture

St. Peter's Church in Del Mar, Calif., was recently awarded an Orchid for the architectural design of its new church buildings.

Orchids and Onions is a non-profit program of the San Diego Architecture Foundation. Each year for the past 25, the foundation has made a handful of awards based on peer review. Awards are given in such categories as architecture, landscaping and historical preservation. Sites are nominated by members of the community at large, then judged by eight "non-designers." Several hundred nominations were received, and 19 Orchids and eight Onions were awarded in 2000.

The St. Peter's buildings are built of redwood and include large picture windows looking out over Del Mar toward the Pacific Ocean. The parish hall, education center and office buildings were all part of the project and care was taken to have the new buildings blend with the older church. In writing about St. Peter's, the committee of judges said in part: The California vernacular architecture is done on a human scale, designed as a series of small bungalows that create a community of buildings that are warm and serene."

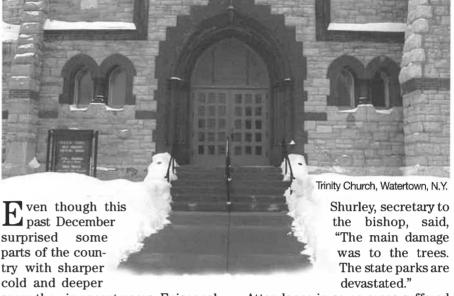
Rebecca Williamson



Two of the new buildings at St. Peter's.

Oh Ye Ice and Snow

Churches Persevere Through a Difficult Winter



snow than in recent years, Episcopal churches seem blessed with foresight and coping skills. The Rev. Kenneth Paul, rector of the Church of the Holy Cross, Shreveport, La., where ice and cold are not usually part of the scenery, said, "We never lost power completely" in his downtown building, though parts of the city did. In an image of the Beatitudes, he said, "We're on the edge of the slums. The poor had heat but the rich did not."

In Tupelo, Miss., Ellen Johnston, whose husband, Shannon, is rector of All Saints', said the temperature was 10 degrees in late December. "There was snow on New Year's Eve in Jackson," she said in some wonderment. Ice was a problem for some parishioners. "The organist drives 90 miles. She couldn't get there."

At St. Andrew's in Tampa, Fla., administrator Colleen Murphy said they'd experienced a "longer cold period, in the '30s. We try to keep the church at an even temperature; it takes a day and a half, two days, to bring the temperature up."

In the Diocese of Oklahoma, comptroller Rick Brown said the biggest problem to churches and homes had been "no electricity for a time." Emily

Attendance in some areas suffered due to cold and snow. At Trinity Church, Watertown, N.Y., administrative assistant Deanna Bolton said, "The older parishioners can't get out — and they shouldn't."

The church is difficult to heat, with pockets of heat and cold. "We're struggling with an aging facility," she said. The historic steeple, a landmark almost lost a few years ago to soaring repair costs, suffers from the same sorts of freeze-thaw cycles that dig potholes in freeways. "The brickwork grows and shrinks. The key is to keep water out. That means keeping up with the tuckpointing" and other preventive maintenance.

The Rev. Richard Lewis, at Trinity Church, Boonville, N.Y., was more philosophic. "We're used to a lot more snow than people realize." Cold, too. "A few years ago it was -60 on Epiphany." Rising costs are a concern. "The price of fuel oil is up 20 cents a gallon so far. Natural gas just arrived in this area two years ago. We talked about switching, but gas was too high," he said somewhat wryly. Electricity, however, is a bargain. "The village has its own electrical cooperative. They can do their own

'Cold stimulates determination,' Dean Easterday said.

Don't Blame the Organist

In a reverse twist on summer's, "It's not the heat, it's the humidity," the pipe organ's winter woes are due more to extreme dryness than to the cold.

In Camden, Maine, Richard Dostie noted that the organ at St. Thomas' Church "is in chambers on both sides of the chancel, and the insulation is inconsistent. The swell side is often out of tune with the choir side when it gets very cold."

John Speller is an organ builder with Quimby Pipe Organs in Warrensburg, Mo. "People were calling in from all over "with problems caused by "extraordinarily low humidity ... Things crack, keys stick, wires pull." Mr. Speller suggested that churches might want to add a humidifier to their furnace unit. Other wood elements beams, furniture, artworks - are affected as well. "The organ is like the canary in the coal mine," he said. "Because it is a sensitive instrument, problems show up there first."

Tracker action organs are particularly difficult to keep in tune. "Extreme changes in weather cause problems because of the changing density (shrinkage) of wood trackers ... If the wood of one of the trackers shrinks enough it will create the effect of the pallet being pulled open. Just a slight opening which will allow wind to move from the windbox ... will ... create a cipher," explained Bruce Cornely of Gainesville, Fla.

Holy Cross, Shreveport, La., had an enviable and ecological solution to electrical problems. Although the church never lost power completely, Fr. Paul said, "We didn't have enough power for the pipe organ. So we turned to the harpsichord."

maintenance, and keep rates down."

Doug Muncie, treasurer of St. Paul's Cathedral, Syracuse, said "It's a little early to compare heating costs with last year. The real cold season is coming." Utility bills are always high, he said, especially in the office complex, whose kitchen serves a large meal program.

In Meadville, Pa., the Rev. Susan. Buell, rector of Christ Church, said, "It's always something" in a building dating from 1927. But the church has a new boiler system and a budget plan to keep rates level. For extra efficiency, the boiler is on a timer and the building is zoned so rooms not in use are not kept as warm.

More than Double

North Dakota is "not exactly in the tropics," in the words of the Very Rev. Steve Easterday, who is co-dean with his wife, Pamela, of Gethsemane Cathedral in Fargo. In December, the mercury frequently stays below the zero mark. But the combination of more of these days with a mountainous rise in the price of natural gas sent the heating bill from \$1,200 in November to \$2,900 in December. And everybody in town knew about it, because Dean Easterday was interviewed on television. But, he said, "these are solid Christian people, good givers. They come through."

North Dakotans are not easily intimidated either. "Cold stimulates determination," Dean Easterday said. "Attendance was not down at all. The cold brings them out."

He told the story of Sarah and Jon Coomber-Suomala, a young couple, very active in the cathedral, who faced a blizzard on their Dec. 16 wedding day. Most of the guests made it, except those flying in. "They staggered into the warmth. The church was all decorated for Christmas, with lights on the three trees in the courtyard. Later we had the reception here – high tea in the afternoon."

In January, Dean Easterday said, "God has blessed us and it's warmed up. But the money for the heating bills will be diverted from program and outreach."

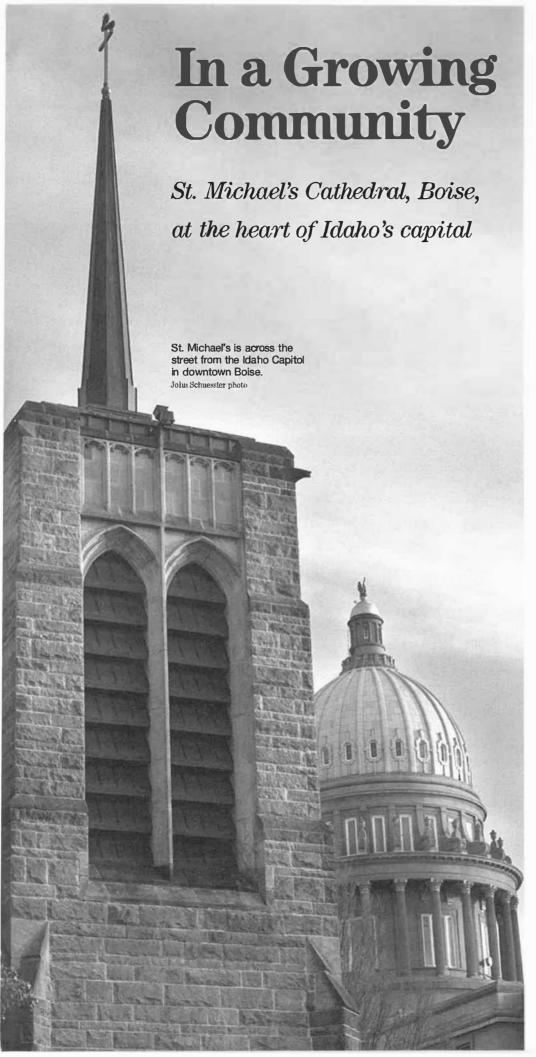
The Rev. John Floberg is the supervising presbyter of the North Dakota churches on the Standing Rock reservation, including Fort Yates, Cannon Ball, and a new congregation in Selfridge. The early winter was unusual, he said, in that "we've had snow on the ground since the beginning of November." It didn't melt away in the "second coldest December ever." St. James', Cannon Ball, used grant funds to install a high-efficiency furnace. "But the old thermostats were not compatible. The building froze on Christmas Eve." The installers returned and rigged a temporary arrangement. "We heated the church only; it went from 0 to 65 between 3:00 and 7:00," just in time for the 70-80 worshipers. "That church always does something to me on Christmas Eve," Fr. Floberg said.

The new Church of the Cross in Selfridge presents unique problems. "We bought an old grocery store for them." The facility includes a youth center and community area. "It's a big building, hard to heat," he said. And the church is growing: "Already they're outgrowing the chapel"

Fr. Floberg has negotiated a reasonable price from the local propane dealer for his churches. "We get a deal. But the people don't. So donations are down. And when the fuel assistance runs out in mid-March, their houses will freeze."

Mainers, too, show a self-sufficiency that includes whole communities. Diocesan communications officer Heidi Shott said, "We're still waiting for that two-week stretch of zero." Rising costs encourage local initiatives, led by the churches, to help those in need. "People here are reticent about asking for help," she said. "People are mindful of one another."

Patricia Nakamura



By John Schuessler

Forget what you've heard about potatoes being the only things that grow in Idaho. Especially in and around Boise.

America's most remote large urban community is considered one of the country's best places for new businesses because of its quality of life — moderate winters, endless recreational choices, a place for "family values" where the living is a bit simpler than in



the busy metropolitan areas of the coasts. Fueled by high-tech industry, Boise's population has doubled in recent decades, to nearly 300,000 in Ada County.

Consequently, the question of how to grow is not a pressing issue for churches in this community at the base of the Rocky Mountains' western foothills, says the dean of St. Michael's Cathedral, the Very Rev. Rich Demarest. "It may take more work *not* to grow," he said recently. For St. Michael's, which began a year after the city was founded in 1863, the greater challenge is in deciding how to respond to this expansion while remaining faithful to its role as a cathedral in a capital city.

Between services on the first Sunday of Advent, a visitor entered the narthex of St. Michael's to a quietness that was broken only by the voices of a few worshipers lingering from the 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist. Rite I and without hymns, the service is a favorite for a faithful group of longtime members.

By 9:15, the narthex was crowded, child choristers clustered in the middle, talking and giggling as they awaited the processional. The pews in the nave were nearly filled by worshipers of all ages who spilled into the transepts of the 400-seat cathedral. Following the processional hymn, small children were



John Schuessler photos

Above: The Children's Choir sings each Sunday at the 9:15 Holy Eucharist. Below: A history of St. Michael's is kept in the library and dates to 1864.

escorted to the undercroft, where they would be instructed in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd before returning later for the Communion.

The service went according to Rite II, and young people were prominent throughout: A boy read the lesson from Zechariah slowly and in strong voice, the Children's Choir responded with equal confidence, both in diction and intonation. Led by organist/choir director Susan Matthews, the children's is the principal choir for this service each week, with the adult Cathedral Choir taking its turn at the 11 a.m. Rite I Eucharist. A graduate of the Eastman School of Music, Ms. Matthews came recently to the cathedral and among her charges are the three choirs (the cherubs sing occasionally.) Her predecessor had been with the cathedral 52 years.

During the announcements, Dean Demarest noted the blue altar set and vestments. Blue is the color of expectancy in the ancient cathedral tradition, he explained. (At the next service, a young acolyte took the concept further by coloring his hair blue.) Before proceeding, the dean paused to welcome a special visitor — "St. Nick," actually Mort Weiner, who is Jewish and the husband of the Rev. Mary Lou Weiner, deacon. In cope and mitre, he was in the bishop's chair for the entire service and was back for the later Eucharist.



Attendance at 9:15 has "mushroomed," said Dean Demarest, who came from the staff of Trinity Cathedral in Pittsburgh nearly three years ago. The service is a focal point of the cathedral's new vitality, drawing young families in search of friendship and a safe place for their children to be nurtured in Christian faith.

The bulletins were redesigned to make the service easier to follow. And an ambitious program for children and teenagers was developed. Along with the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Michael's has three principal youth programs. The first, called Rite 13, is designed "to let kids discover their beliefs and not be dictated to," said Brad England, one of the volunteer leaders. "There's always a lesson, it's light in nature ... We're trying to instill in them that this is their church and that their relationship with Christ is a personal one."

Next is Journey to Adulthood (J2A) for eighth and ninth graders, which includes preparation for confirmation and a pilgrimage. Last spring 22 youngsters went to England. In 2002, the pilgrimage will be to Taizé, France. The aim of the program is to "help them gain an understanding of what it means to be a Christian young adult in the world," said the Rev. Canon Michael Spillane, canon for youth and family life and a former Roman Catholic priest. Outreach is included. A recent clothing drive for an orphanage in China was one recent J2A project.

For the older teenagers, there is Young Adults in the Church (YAC). The focus is mission and ministry. Recently these young people collected and purchased gifts for children of prisoners at the Idaho State Penitentiary, then delivered the gifts to the spouses of the inmates. They also spent several days at an Indian reservation 31/2 hours away, where they read to children and did other work as needed.

Recently Canon Spillane took courses at General Theo-

logical Seminary, allowing him to offer training in youth ministry to the three dozen other parishes in the Diocese of Idaho. Dean Demarest said this type of training is an example of the sorts of things a cathedral should be doing for its diocese.

St. Michael's has operated with a budget surplus for two years and its 1,400 worshipers make up one-fifth of the Episcopalians in Idaho. "The perception in the diocese at times is we

have all the goodies," Dean Demarest said. "To bridge that, we need to reach out to other congregations and be available to help them meet their needs."

Training, or monetary assistance, or even encouraging some members of St. Michael's to attend churches in the outlying areas are some ways to help meet needs.

"It is really important that we get to that point where we claim that part of what it means to be a cathedral. And if we've got more, we ought to give more, and it's got to be tangible."

Janis Perry has been the program director for a decade. She talks approvingly of the changes taking place at the cathedral and the effort to plan ahead while "honoring the tradition of 140 years."

Herb Runner, one of the cathedral's senior members, said the "oldtimers are beginning to recognize that it is their (newcomers) church too."

In many ways, Boise City was built by Episcopalians. A small church that served St. Michael's early on has been relocated next to the stadium of Boise State University and serves primarily as a wedding chapel. The

sprawling university belies its modest beginnings as St. Margaret's School for Girls, which was founded by the diocese's second bishop and was a place for his daughter to get an education. It became Boise Junior College in 1933 and BSU in 1965. A few blocks further downtown is St. Luke's Regional Medical Center, started by the third bishop.

Boise native Carolyn Kiefer has been at St. Michael's since she was 3 and remembers the early civil rights efforts in Boise being centered at St. Michael's. Before that, it was the effort to establish kindergartens in the state. She said the cathedral has rich oral history that needs to be captured.

"Our great strength is in the diversity of ideas, with some pushing the theological limits to still others wanting the 1928 prayer book," she said. "We're united by a commonality of liturgy."

In August each year, the cathedral conducts a week of noon-hour Bach organ concerts as part of Music Week, an 80-yearold tradition in the city. Two years ago in the heavily Mormon state, a service was held at St. Michael's as part of the inauguration of the new governor. And bag lunches are always available for people in need. Nancy Davidson, the office manager, said that at least a dozen nonparishioners come to the door every day seeking help in some way.

Sharon and George Moses are representative of the people who chose Boise for its quality of life. They moved from suburban Washington, D.C., for the sake of their son and were drawn to St. Michael's because of its tradition. Mr. Moses now serves on the vestry.

"We've done all the easy things," he said, referring to the family life and strong programming for children. "The next step is

to be more highly visible in the community. The youth program ensures our growth."

He wants to develop ministry that brings new life to people both physically and spiritually.

"There is no shortage of needs," Mr. Moses said. "If there weren't needs, there wouldn't be any charities. We just need to identify which to address. We need to preserve the kind of impulses that built things here. They were people who built communities."



Dean Demarest came to Boise nearly three years ago.

'The perception in the diocese at times is we have all the goodies.'

Dean Rich Demarest

St. Michael's

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- Cathedral deans since founding (including one interim female dean).
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1866

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Did You Know...

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Quote of the Week

June MacCormack. communications director of the Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney (Scotland), on her bishop, the Most Rev. **Bruce Cameron, who will become** the next Primus of the Scottish **Episcopal Church: "He is funny,** nice, and he doesn't mind having wacky ideas."

It's Not So Simple

I was saddened and made anxious by the editor's column, "Split Can't Be Avoided" [TLC, Dec. 31]. Mr. Kalvelage may very well be right, and that saddened me. The editor, Bishop MacNaughton and others may have indulged in self-fulfilling prophecy, and that made me anxious.

If only our divisions were as simple as such writers imply. For at least 50 years the Episcopal Church has struggled with pertinence to contemporary issues and fidelity to biblical principles, and many times during that period those who would revise have prevailed. Birth control, abortion, remarriage after divorce,

women reading in church (aloud, that is), women having their heads covered, women being ordained. All of these things are revisions of what appear to be clear biblical mandates, and to this writer some of them are more important than the sexuality issues that currently distress us. If the Episcopal Church were currently comprised of two warring camps, each comprised entirely of biblicists or revisionists, then we could indeed part with

some equitable divi-

sion of persons and

chattels. But it isn't

that simple. I know a few persons who have consistently opposed and continue to oppose all of the above revisions. I also know a few persons who have consistently championed each one of them. But most of the people I know are for some and against others. I won't go through all the permutations and combinations of support and opposition because I believe most readers will recognize themselves as somewhere in the middle.

I suggest that there is an analogy from high school science that describes us perfectly. I can recall how the teacher con-

nected the positive and negative poles of the electromagnetic field, placed a sheet of glass on top, and then sprinkled iron filings on the glass. We all watched with fascination as the filings arranged themselves around the magnetic poles. Some few filings appeared entirely drawn to one pole, but most filings were arrayed somewhere in between. Certain interesting facts were demonstrated: The filings always arranged themselves in a similar manner, and the filings didn't arrange themselves at all unless both poles were connected to their power sources.

Application of this example to our situation tells me that no matter how disagreeable I might find

the opposition on any given topic, I know that without their energy, my own position would be harder to find. This example makes me suspect that the contemplated division in the Episcopal Church would result in two very small but monochrome ecclesial bodies with most of the "filings" getting lost in the shuffle. I also fear that when the next subject of controversy should arise in either body, there will be a further parting of the ways.

While **Episcopalians** may seem "poles apart" on today's divisive issues, I think most of them are somewhere in between and would rather not part

from other Episcopalians. Yes, the church in this new millennium will look different. No, all the king's horses and all the king's men may not be able to put us back together again. But fortunately we have other resources for our cohesion. I believe the church is a channel of grace. that the church's Lord makes the chief decisions for its welfare, and that God isn't quite finished with us, any of us.

Our guest columnist is the Rev. James L. Steele, SSC, rector of St. Thomas' Church, Morris, Ill.

Critical Issues of Safety

In some places, it has become necessary for church leaders to take extreme measures to ensure the safety of their members. It is no longer unusual to see plainclothes security personnel or even uniformed police officers outside or even within churches. In some churches, ushers are being trained to react to violence.

Recent events emphasize the need for protection. At the Roman Catholic Cathedral in the Caribbean nation St. Lucia, worshipers were stabbed and set on fire while standing in line to receive communion, and a nun was killed. At St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City, a man with a history of mental illness tried to handcuff himself to Archbishop Edward Egan while awaiting communion. In England, two vicarages were firebombed, resulting in the hospitalization of three persons. Meanwhile, a British insurance company reported at least one member of the clergy is being attacked every day — a total of 462 personal injury cases having been reported by Anglican clergy in 1999. And the violence at churches in Indonesia [TLC, Jan. 28] has brought worldwide notoriety to that country.

Many of us have become accustomed to violence in our lives, yet the reports of bloodshed and murders in our churches is particularly upsetting. The killing of seven young persons in a Fort Worth Baptist church in 1999 impressed upon many the need to take tighter security measures, but the desire of churches to be open and accessible often increases the risk of violence. While we are not advocating the positioning of security guards in our churches, we must admit there are places where it may be wise to have some extra protection. For churches not located in high-risk neighborhoods, we hope leaders will be vigilant about taking precautions. For those where safety is an ongoing concern, extra security measures may be a wise investment. Of all places, our churches should be havens of safety and peace.

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Time to Look Ahead

Now that the relationship between the Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) has gotten off to a rousing start [TLC, Jan. 28], it is time to look ahead at how we are to carry out this arrangement. It is wise to look at the agreement as a sign of hope, perhaps a model for other such endeavors in the future. At a news conference the day preceding the Called to Common Mission celebration, Presiding Bishop Frank T. Griswold spoke of the beginning of "a long process of growing together, sharing together, and trying to respond out of our two traditions together to God's call to minister to a broken world."

The new relationship, along with the Porvoo Agreement among Anglican and Lutheran churches in northern Europe, should encourage other churches which may be working toward similar arrangements. The determination shown by Episcopalians and Lutherans in working out the agreement, and the experience of the two churches in the early stages of this relationship ought to be hopeful signs to potential ecumenical ventures all over the world.

Despite the best efforts of leaders of both churches to refute the idea, there are large numbers of persons from both traditions who believe that the relationship is a merger between the two churches. It isn't. The implementation of CCM brings about a recognition of each other's ordained ministries, the approval to participate in each other's eucharistic celebrations, and the encouragement to become involved in various joint ministries.

We welcome as readers Lutherans who may be unfamiliar with our publication. We hope they will gain some knowledge of the Episcopal Church and its members that will help them participate effectively in the CCM relationship.

VIEWPOINT

By George Anne Boyle

is T-shirt told it all — the Episcopal Church Welcomes You. The familiar Episcopal red door was on the front of the shirt and on the back it read, "Now what?" I felt as though someone had hit me right between the eyes. This question is incredibly poignant in light of the growing conversation that is taking place in the church nationally.

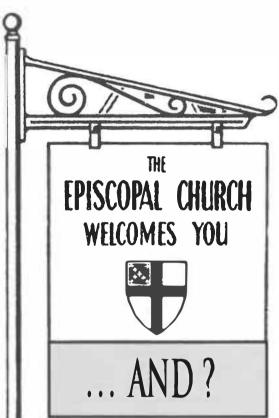
There is a growing commitment in the church not only to double our size, but also to double the number of our disciples within the church. We truly desire to welcome people, but the question remains, now what?

The conversation intensifies when the subject of Generation X is brought up.

About 15 percent of us attend church actively. Everyone seems to have an opinion, an idea, a solution or an answer to how we should and could bring my generation into the church. I've attended conferences, workshops and read books on this subject, and I've learned something useful from these experiences. However, what I find to be true from them is that I am usually disappointed by the simplistic answers. Everyone seems to be talking about what GenX needs, but no one seems to be listening. It is ironic that almost every conference I've attended about young adult ministry has been given by people well beyond the age of X.

Has anyone stopped and tried to talk to us, the members of this X generation, to find out what it is we might want? I've talked to folks my age and younger, church members and unchurched. After listening and praying, I have some thoughts about getting the post-modern generation to church.

The few Xers who attend church do so because of tradition. We are profoundly in love with the Anglican tradition and we consider ourselves to be deeply spiritual people. I recognize



that this isn't rocket science, but what I find is that the church is in a quandary. Currently, there are more Buddhists in the United States than there are Episcopalians. Our numbers have plummeted to an all-time low.

Many young church-goers would rather mournfully put our heads into the sand after examining such facts, or simply deny that anything is wrong. one simple absolute answer for getting young adults and youth in church.

Most Xers are saying they want to find an authentic spiritual experience. This post-modern generation is in the midst of searching. One doesn't have to look any further than the TV, radio and movies to know this. One of the most popular shows among my generation, the X Files, is all about searching — the truth is out there. Generation X is painfully searching for fragments of the truth in a world that cannot provide absolutes.

The Episcopal Church offers a liturgy that is rich with symbols. It can be very interactive and weaves together our Christian story in a profoundly non-linear manner. We are constantly bouncing through time in our liturgy, going from the present to be night in which he was handed over

the night in which he was handed over to suffering and death, and back to the present again. The liturgy can give a full, sensory experience that is important for a generation that looks past words to formulate opinions. So why are we trying so hard to change it?

One of the disappointments I had at young adult events is that the liturgy is not well choreographed. Traditional

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An even more dangerous reaction is the one that says everything we do within our tradition is wrong, so let's throw out the baby with the baptismal water. Let's compete with MTV and pop culture. If they want entertainment, then let's entertain them!

I don't think that entertainment in church is what young adults desire. A young priest who attended a young adult ministry conference with me admitted that he despised renewal music. "This isn't my language," he said. "This is how the Boomers who are trying to be hip do music. If I wanted to hear this kind of thing, I would have turned on a light rock station." Yet renewal music is the answer given for getting Gen X back to church. I would argue that there is not

music is taken away, the candles are hidden and the usual beauty of liturgy is somehow sacrificed because, after all, we're young adults and we wouldn't be interested in such things.

What's popular among young people these days? Compline at St. Mark's Cathedral in Seattle. Young adults flock to the 9:30 p.m. sung service on Sundays. Taizé services are also popular. The simple chanted music usually set to traditional words is authentic.

Here's the second half of the paradox I raised: We have to change. How? How are we treating young adults in the church? How can we incorporate them into the leadership of our church? How can we honor their spiritual quests? Can we as traditionalists deal with green hair and tattoos? How

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One of the difficulties of attending young adult programs is that they sometimes give pat answers. I am suspicious of absolutes and easy, neat answers. If ambiguity is key to faith, and I think for this generation it is, then don't we as Episcopalians have a great deal to offer? This is a tradition that allows people to think and wonder about the mystery of God. We offer theologians from all sorts of persuasions and thinking. This is a marvelous gift. Questions are important to my generation. Questions, paradox and ambiguity within a multiplicity of truths are a part of our daily lives. Isn't this a part of our rich tradition? Aren't we, in essence, inherently post modern?

So if we can accept green hair, and letting go of absolutes while holding onto our rich tradition and spirituality, we might be ready. Is Generation X ready? I'm not sure. I can only tell you that the conversion of my generation will happen through relationship, not testimony or absolutes. Relational evangelism and authenticity are what X will acknowledge as real.

Are we bold enough to discuss our doubts? Are we willing to acknowledge that we as a church have to change while remaining changeless? Can we offer dialogue and relationship instead of simple legalism? Can we as a traditional practice come back to our spiritual roots and have faith in our tradition? Are we as the body of Christ willing to sit and listen to their lives and see the Christ in them? Do I need to mention that X is still searching and questions are only answered with more questions?

The Episcopal Church Welcomes You... And?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Deeply Uneasy As a longtime control.

As a longtime contributor to TLC I write more in sorrow than in anger. David Kalvelage's column "Split Can't Be Avoided" [TLC, Dec. 31] grieved me deeply. I assume he wants this piece to be understood descriptively rather than prescriptively, but my impression during recent months has been that most of those who say a split cannot be avoided actually want a split to happen and are working toward that end.

Many of us count the leaders of the current move toward separation as treasured friends, but we also see an unmistakable trend among them toward precisely that self-righteousness which has heretofore been identified as a hallmark of the so-called liberal, "politically correct" wing. When self-described scripture-grounded, Christ-centered Episcopalians become hell-bent on separation from the heathen, it makes most people deeply uneasy. The very people we want to attract — the unchurched — are the ones most likely to flee from a scene of bitter division. There are those of us who might have preferred to live in an earlier century when theological dispute was relished for its own sake, but for the sake of the gospel we cannot entertain the luxury of withdrawal into such a world. Americans simply do not like what they perceive as intolerance and rigidity. We must reckon with this factor if we are serious about reaching people with the gospel.

Evangelicals have felt marginalized and patronized within the Episcopal Church for a long time. I have felt this personally for many years. I believe this is our cross to bear. I do not want to withdraw into a conventicle of the like-minded. We cannot win hearts and minds by separatism. We can only do it through humble service and, if necessary, by continuing to be marginalized but unsilenced for "a time, two times, and half a time," until the vindication of the ungodly (and that includes everybody) is complete in the Day of the Lord.

(The Rev.) Fleming Rutledge Rye Brook, N.Y.

The editor's column commenting on the likelihood of a split is about 22 years too late. TLC did not recognize this because it chose not to serve the traditional Episcopal movement after the Denver consecrations in 1978. It chose only to report on or take advertisements from those approved by the Episcopal Church.

Mr. Kalvelage wrote, "Our sign boards, letterheads and Yellow Pages don't reflect two churches, but stay tuned." Looking in the Yellow Pages, in most cities of this country, one finds many traditional Anglican and Episcopal churches listed. The two churches are a fact and have been

for quite some time. The Lambeth Conference suggested and promoted dialogue with the Continuing Anglicans but TLC will not even publish letters or accept advertisements from them. I can only wonder why.

(The Rev.) Thomas E. Raines St. Andrew's Anglican Catholic Church Atmore, Al.

At last, someone's had the gumption to put into words what has been a *fait accompli* regarding our beloved church. My wife and I became Episcopalians almost 20 years ago, and we have been watching the schism grow wider with the

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passing years. It makes us sad. It must make Jesus very sad to see this.

Our little church has lost members over the homosexuality issues. The mother of three adorable little girls. two of whom I baptized, has said she will not bring up her daughters in a church that "marries" homosexuals. This family has not come to church for the past several months. I doubt we'll ever see them again. What this young mother has failed to see/recognize is that there are precious few save the evangelicals and the "fundies" churches of the land churches which don't "marry" or at least recognize the relationship of committed homosexual and lesbian couples through a ceremony of some kind.

Thank you again for having the courage to recognize the un-recognizable.

(The Rev.) Harold V. Smith St Peter's Church Lebanon, Ind.

David Kalvelage's column showed courage and at the same time, expressed the sorrow that many of us feel as we survey the state of affairs. It doesn't have to be that way but peace and unity cannot take precedence over preservation of gospel truth in the church.

Bishop J.C. Ryle, the late 18th-century bulwark of "the faith once for all delivered to the saints," in his paper, "Pharisees and Sadducees," points out that "peace without truth is a false peace; it is the very peace of the devil. Unity without the gospel is a worthless unity; it is the very unity of hell." Harsh words, but spoken in love for the brethren and the Anglican Church of his day and applicable to the current state of affairs. The current "hue and cry" for unity at all cost, preservation of the community and the imminent need to retain catholicity is reminiscent of the "magic expressions" that Bishop Ryle faced in his day. The bottom line is that another Jesus is being preached and an unscriptural religion is being proffered. Unity for unity's sake while

sacrificing truth is not a unity pleasing to God. False doctrine and heresy are even worse than schism.

People who separate themselves from teaching which is positively false and unscriptural ought to be praised rather than reproved. Separation under these circumstances is a virtue, not a sin. While the tearing away from one's church is gut wrenching, in the long run the persons pursuing this course, while searching the scriptures for truth, will grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ in ways that they never dreamed possible. Rest assured at the end of the day, Jesus will preserve his church and the true Anglican expression will survive.

Douglas and Susan Barnes Dallas, Texas

Ripe With Harvest

I just happened onto TLC's website while surfing, looking for something else and found there Robert Mace's Viewpoint article [TLC, Jan. 14]. Thank God! And thanks to TLC for publishing it.

We need desperately in the church to hear these words, to be reminded that no party, no position, no opinion, no interpretation, supersedes our Saviour's injunction to "love one another" — and not the Devil's sister!

Working in a local parish church, it is ever clearer to me that the fields are ripe with harvest and the laborers are few, and when a significant portion of the crew, including the forepersons, are spending their time spitting in one another's eyes and kicking up dust and bellowing the rightness of their own position whichever side they're on — then no matter how hard everybody else works, the harvest will rot in the field for want of hands to work and hearts to love ... Couldn't we just all get back to work, and save the arguing for later, if ever?

(The Rev.) Linda Strohmier Church of Our Merciful Saviour Penns Grove, N.J.

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The Rev. Kathleen Ruth Jackman, as deacon at St. Nicholas', Littleton, ${\rm CO}$.

The Rev. **Kenneth Erik Ross,** as rector of St. Nicholas', Littleton, CO.

The Rev. **Gerald Lee Schnackenberg,** as rector of St. Philip & St. James, Denver, CO.

Changes of Address

The Rev. **Charlene Alling**, P.O. Box 363, Bar Harbor, ME 04609.

The Rev. **Lindsay Patton Boyle**, 630 Hartford Dr., Boulder, CO 80305.

Corrections

The Rev. **John D. Badders, Jr.** is rector of St. John's, 2501 N 10th St., McAllen, TX 78501.

The Rev. **Ellen Rutherford** is vicar of Riverfront Team Ministry, 324 Bridgeboro, Riverside, NJ 08075.

The Rev. **Elizabeth Searle** is associate at Christ Church, 17 Sagamore Rd., Bronxville, NY 10708.

The Rev. **Janice M. Wilner** is deacon at St. Barnabas on the Desert, 6715 N Mocking-bird Ln., Scottsdale, AZ 85

Deaths

The Rev. **Thomas J. Garner, Sr.,** rector of the Church of the Epiphany in Eden, NC, since 1968, died Nov. 14. He was 59.

A native of Morehead City, NC, he graduated from the University of North Carolina. He was ordained deacon in 1962 and priest in 1963 after graduating from Virginia Theological Seminary. He was vicar of St. Paul's, Salisbury, 1965-68, vicar of St. Philip's and St. Matthew's, Salisbury, 1965-67, and vicar of St. James', Iredell, NC, in 1967. He is survived by his wife, Nancy, and two children.

The Rev. Canon **LaMar Hay, Jr.** died at home in Madison, WI, Nov. 10. He was 67.

Born in Sayre, PA, Canon Hay was ordained deacon in 1974 after graduating

from Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, and priest the following year. He served many churches. In the Diocese of Minnesota they included: St. Andrew's, Waterville, St. Paul's, Le Center, Calvary, Waseca, and St. John's, Janesville. He also led St. Mary's, Green Cove Springs, FL, Christ Church, Harvard, IL, and St. Andrew's, Taft, and St. Mark's, Shafter, CA. Most recently he was canon missioner of St. James' Cathedral in Fresno, CA. Fr. Hay was a published songwriter and recorded albums in 1985 and 1986. Fr. Hay is survived by his wife, Delores, and three children.

The Rev. **Frank Mauldin McClain** died of a heart attack Dec. 15 in Charleston, S.C. He was 76.

Fr. McClain was rector of St. George's in Germantown, TN, when he saw a dream of his come to life as St. George's Day School in 1959. After the founding of the private elementary school Fr. McClain remained in Germantown only a few years before his calling took him elsewhere. Following service in the Army, Fr. McClain earned bachelor's degrees at Yale and Cambridge universities. He graduated from General Theological Seminary in 1950 and later went on to earn both his master's and doctorate degrees in theology at Cambridge. Ordained deacon and priest in 1952, he went on to serve a number of churches. In the Diocese of East Tennessee he served at Church of the Advent in Nashville; Christ Church in Rugby; Faith Church in Dayton; St. Andrew's in Harriman and St. George's in Germantown. He was professor of religion at Sweet Briar College from 1962 to 1966 and a Fellow of the Episcopal Church Foundation before resuming parish work as associate at Christ Church in Winnetka, IL, 1969-77. Fr. McClain became rector at Christ Church in 1977 and remained there until his retirment in 1991. In recent years he lived in Charleston, SC. Surviving are his wife, Mary, and three daughters: Rebecca Newton of Atlanta, Mary Renken and Katherine McClain both of Charleston, and two grandchildren.

The Rev. **Leroy Snider**, a non-stipendiary priest in the Diocese of Spokane, died Nov. 23 of complications from Alzheimers. He was 91.

Fr. Snider was professor of education at the University of Idaho from 1961 until his retirement in 1974. After retirement, he served as priest-associate at St. Mark's in Moscow, ID. Born in McCook, NE, he was ordained deacon in 1974 and priest in 1981. Fr. Snider is survived by his wife, Pearl.

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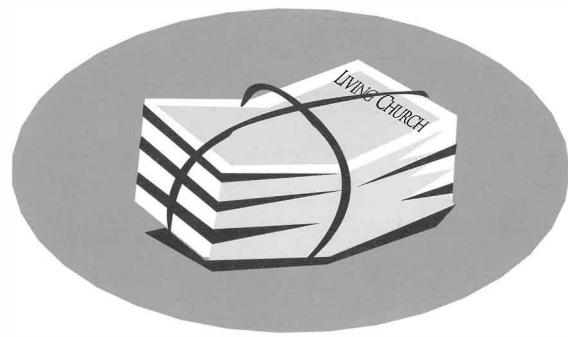
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