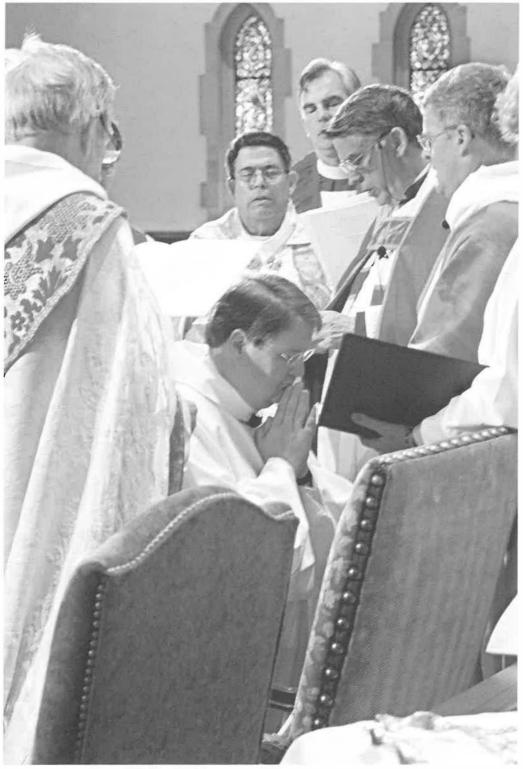
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At the service of his consecration in Atlanta, the Rev. J. Neil Alexander kneels to have hands laid on him by Bishops Judson Child (left) Onell Soto, Don Johnson, Frank Allan and Frank Griswold [p. 6]. John Whitt/Crossroads Photography

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SUNDAY'S READINGS

Things Happen When We Pray

'Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?' (Gen. 18:25)

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 12), July 29, 2001

Gen. 18:20-33; Psalm 138; Col. 2:6-15; Luke 11:1-13

If ever there was an encouragement to intercession, surely Genesis 18:20-33, along with other great passages such as Exodus 32:22f, is C.S. Lewis put it memorably in his famous tract on prayer: When we pray, things happen. If we don't pray, they don't. Does that mean that God waits for praver to make any movement at all in the running of the world? By no means. The "Judge of all the earth" will indeed do what is just. Yet we, his people, need to pray as if he didn't act until we did so. James 4:3 says, "You do not have because you do not ask." Needless to say, the Bible's teaching on God's sovereignty and our free actions are indeed a mystery not explained to us (see Deut. 29:29). What is clear is that God hears and responds to our pravers.

Further instruction on prayer is found on the lips of our Lord in Luke 11:1-13. This is a classic passage of the power, the importance and frankly our failure to pray. Jesus could not have put it more memorably. What persons in their right mind would surprise their

child with a deadly gift for their birthday? I know of no sane person who would do so. Then Jesus makes the point, "If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" We deal with God as if he were about to punish us, in that we too often doubt his goodness and his justice, and therefore we find ourselves delinquent in prayer. The incentive Jesus holds out is the goodness of our heavenly father, who intends for his children only the very best. Therefore, we should be in prayer. But the tragedy is that we are not. We're too lazy, too busy, and too sinful.

"When we were dead in trespasses ... God made you alive" (Col. 2:13). One of the truly great privileges of God's people is access to the Father through Jesus. We can go any time, in any circumstance, to our Father's heavenly throne simply by speaking with the Father in the name of the Son in the power of the Spirit.

Will we do it?

Look It Up

Another great passage on intercession is Exodus 32:11 f. What is the result of his intercession? What, therefore, might have happened if Moses had not spoken to God on behalf of his people?

Think About It

Intercessory prayer is a mighty spiritual weapon which every believing Christian has. What keeps us from regular times of intercessory prayer?

Next Sunday The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Eccles. 1:12-14; 2:(1-7, 11)18-23; Psalm 49 or 49:1-11; Col. 3:(5-11)12-17; Luke 12:13-21

SHORT & SHARP

A Potpourri

By Travis Du Priest



SACRED SPACES: Stations on a Celtic Way. By Margaret Silf. Paraclete Press. Pp. 192. \$23.

One of the more interesting books on Celtic notions of intersection of the visible and invisible worlds. Looks at and pic-

tures seven sacred spaces: the knot, the Celtic cross, hilltops, wells, groves and springs, thresholds and boundaries. "Groves of companionship" is a truly lovely section.

THE SOUL IN BALANCE: The Gardens of Washington National Cathedral. By Heddy F. Reid and Frederica Isabelle Scott. Photographs by Alexandra K. Scott. EPM Publications (1003 Turkey Run Rd., McLean, VA 22101). Pp. 95. \$21.95, laminated covers.

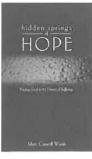
A stunning collection, originally published in 1998, of sharp color photographs of plants, architectural details and garden vistas at Washington National Cathedral. Well-chosen quotations from a variety of biblical and spiritual texts. The next best thing to being there.



RESURRECTION SONG: African-American Spirituality. By Flora Wilson Bridges. Orbis. Pp. 195. \$20 paper.

An ordained Baptist minister with a Ph.D. from Vanderbilt, Flora Bridges surveys the African-American religious

experience from its traditional African roots through the elder generation of Harriet Tubman down to moderns such as Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcom X. Especially good on moral and relational values.



HIDDEN SPRINGS OF HOPE: Finding God in the Desert of Suffering. By Mary Walsh. Ave Maria Press. Pp. 128. \$9.95 paper. Stories drawn from

the author's psychotherapy practice on the ubiquitous problem of praying when we don't feel like praying. Helpful chapters on anger and obsessive thoughts, as well as silence and "seeing with an icon."

A CANDLE AT MIDNIGHT: Keeping Vigil as a Path Through Depression. By Marcy Heidish. Ave Maria Press. Pp. 206. \$14.95 paper.

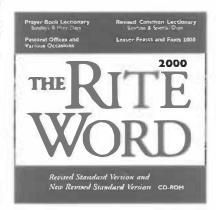
On occasion I've told friends in depression that a candle is lit for them



at a Mary Shrine; several have told me they visualize the image during the night. Marcy Heidish revivifies the tradition of vigil keeping and its value for

those in depression. Practical step-bystep advice.

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NEWS

Atlanta Bishop Consecrated

The Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta, Ga., was filled July 7 for the ordination and consecration of the Rev. John Neil Alexander as the ninth Bishop of Atlanta.

The Most Rev. Frank T. Griswold, Presiding Bishop, was the chief consecrator and preacher. The co-consecrators were Bishops Frank Allan, Judson Child and Bennett Sims, the eighth, seven and sixth Bishops of Atlanta, respectively. Other co-consecrators were Bishop Michael Curry of North Carolina, Bishop Onell Soto, assisting in Alabama and formerly in Atlanta, Bishop Robert Tharp, who had been assisting in Atlanta since the retirement of Bishop Allan, and Bishop Ronald Warren of the Southeastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

Music was under the direction of the cathedral's new canon musician, Bruce Neswick, and featured a brass quartet. Bishop Alexander's former colleague on the faculty of the General Theological Seminary, David Hurd, composed music for the occasion, including a psalm setting and an anthem.

Bishop Alexander was professor of homiletics at the School of Theology of the University of the South when he was elected to the episcopate in March. A previous election of the ninth Bishop of Atlanta resulted in a canceled ordination.



Bishop Alexander

Full Communion in Canada

The Anglican Church of Canada established a relationship of full communion with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) during the General Synod of the Anglican Church July 4-11 in Waterloo, Ontario.

A document known as the Waterloo Declaration was adopted July 6 after discussion and review had taken place since the mid-1980s. More than 1,000 members of the two churches celebrated the event with a joint worship service July 8.

"This marks a pivotal moment in the movement toward Christian ecumenism in Canada, and a landmark in the history of the Anglican Church," said Archbishop Michael Peers, primate of the Anglican Church of Canada. "For me personally it marks the climax of nearly 30 years of personal hopes and aspirations."

The Waterloo Declaration formally acknowledges agreement on a wide range of liturgical issues, establishes interchangeability of clergy, and permits full communion among members of each church.

The Anglican Church of Canada has more than 700,000 members and the ELCIC has more than 200,000. Anglican Church of Canada Web News contributed to this article.

Presentment Charge Against Fr. Edwards Made But Not Filed

A number of priests from the Diocese of Washington have made a charge of presentment against the Rev. Samuel Edwards, rector of Christ Church in Accokeek and St. John's in Pomonkey, Md., but the charge has not been filed with the proper ecclesiastical authority, according to the Rt. Rev. Jack Iker, Bishop of Fort Worth.

The charges were listed in a letter dated May 29 and sent to the Rt. Rev. Jane Holmes Dixon, Bishop *Pro Tempore* of Washington. The letter is signed by the Rev. Canon John R. Frizzell, Jr., and 11 other priests of the diocese.

Fr. Edwards is the subject of a disputed call to be rector of Christ Church. Bishop Dixon refused to license Fr. Edwards in her diocese, but supporters of Fr. Edwards contend she did not make her decision public within the time limit specified by canons.

Despite the lack of a license, Fr. Edwards has been acting as rector of Christ Church since March 27. He has now exceeded the 60-day time limit during which a priest may officiate within another diocese without a license, and this is the primary basis for the charge of presentment. Without a license from the Diocese of Washington, Fr. Edwards remains canonically resident in Fort Worth and Bishop Iker contends any presentment charges must first be filed with him.

Bishop Dixon was on vacation when THE LIVING CHURCH contacted the Diocese of Washington, but the Rev. Canon Carter Echols, a spokesperson for the diocese, said Bishop Dixon was not pursuing presentment at this time. Prior

(Accokeek - from previous page)

to her departure, Bishop Dixon issued a statement regarding the possible presentment and her reasons for not pursuing the matter.

"Eager for a speedy resolution of the dispute at St. John's Parish and Christ Church, Accokeek, I gave the Rev. Frizzell's letter careful consideration," she wrote. "However, based on several communications with Bishop Iker, it was abundantly clear that he had no intention of disciplining Fr. Edwards for his blatant and repeated violations of canon law."

Bishop Dixon's statement that she would receive no cooperation from Fort Worth was based largely on an announcement by Bishop Iker on May 27 that he was assuming temporary pastoral oversight of Christ Church.

"This action — assuming pastoral care of [a] parish in another diocese — is a nearly unprecedented action," she wrote. "Regrettably, Bishop Iker's actions made it very clear that my efforts to work with him toward a resolution of the situation at Christ Church were utterly futile."

Bishop Dixon said in the letter that she is relying on a satisfactory resolution by means of a civil action she filed in U.S. District Court for the Southern Division of Maryland [TLC, July 22]. In that action Bishop Dixon seeks a declaratory judgment against Fr. Edwards to oust him from the parish, make null and void the contract he has signed with the vestry, and remove him from the rectory.

Should the secular court motion be denied or a trial decided in a way Bishop Dixon views as unfavorable, she could still pursue a charge of presentment. If the Diocese of Fort Worth declines to act within 90 days of notice that a charge of presentment has been filed, Bishop Dixon would be able to pursue ecclesiastical charges from within her own diocese, according to Charles Nalls, a lawyer representing Fr. Edwards and the vestry of Christ Church and St. John's.

AAM Honors Founding Fathers

Thirty-five years ago three young church musicians met in a small hotel in Pittsburgh to discuss an idea that had been percolating for some time. They sought to meet with colleagues for learning and mutual support as musicians serving in Episcopal cathedrals. Soon musicians from parish churches wanted to join the fledging organization. So successful was this venture that the organization now has

nearly 900 members from all over the world.

At the annual conference of the Association of Anglican Musicians (AAM) held in New York City in June, more than 200 members honored the three founding fathers,

Raymond F. Glover, Gerre Hancock and James H. Litton, with the presentation of individual icons during the conference banquet.

The conference theme was "Music as Preaching and Prophecy: Proclaiming the Gospel in Song." The theme was illuminated by a wealth of liturgical experiences at a variety of parishes throughout New York City and by several workshops by internationally known presenters. The opening Eucharist was held at St. Bartholomew's Church, using the weekly eucharistic propers as the scriptural focus with music by Howells, Callahan, Leighton and Cook. Later in the week, a concert of the Mass in B Minor by J.S. Bach was presented by the choir of Trinity Church, Wall Street, and The REBEL Baroque Orchestra with Owen Burdick conducting.

AAM members took advantage of workshops by Horace Boyer on African-American sacred singing; Don Greene on enhancing perform-



Mr. Hancock

Gustav Bittrich, Saint David's Photographs

ance while under stress; Robin Leaver on Bach's musical hermeneutics; and Bruce Ford on chant in contemporary liturgy. There was also a presentation of new choral music by AAM composers, including William Bradley Roberts, William Witherup, Gordon King, Michael Sitton and Jack Burnam.

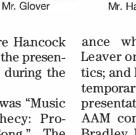
The high quality of music making in Episcopal churches in New York was evident as AAM members took leadership roles in their parishes for the numerous other liturgies of the week.

Marilyn Haskel

BRIEFLY ...

A \$146,000 grant request from the Episcopal Church of Rwanda has been rejected by the grants program at Trinity Church, Wall Street, New York City. Trinity cited the role of three Rwandan bishops in working with the Anglican Mission in America (AMiA) "to promote schism within the Episcopal Church in the United States."

St. Mary's School, Raleigh, N.C., is the recipient of a \$3 million gift from Julian and Josie Robertson of New York City. The gift will create an honors scholarship program at the girls' school, and came with a \$1 million challenge, which has raised nearly \$1.5 million in additional endowment funds.



UBE Conference Continues Fight Against Racism

The theme of the 33rd annual national conference of the Union of Black Episcopalians (UBE) was "Rebuild My Church," and the majority of speakers spoke on how to eradicate racism in the church as a means of accomplishing that goal.

UBE president the Rev. Sandye Wilson, rector of Gethsemane Church, Minneapolis, who was reelected to serve a second three-year term, reminded the audience of the reason the UBE was created.

"Racism and oppression caused us to form this society," she said. "We have to remember that. The sin of racism is still alive."

The issue of racism and coalition building was the main topic during a meeting that Ms. Wilson held with a newly formed Latino caucus at the Hartford, Conn., hotel where the conference was held June 24-29. More than 500 people attended.

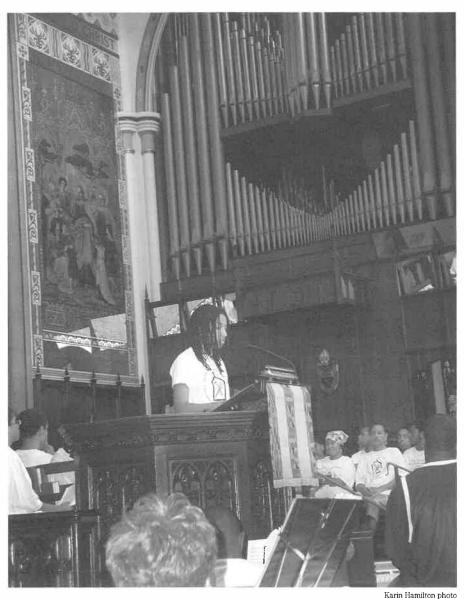
The Rev. Butch Gamarro, the only Latino who attended the meeting, is missioner for multicultural ministries for the Diocese of Los Angeles. He said the meeting was a follow-up to the meeting the two groups had in Denver.

Other black Episcopalians at the meeting discussed the need to educate children about their culture and heritage, as a way to break the barriers of racism in the church.

The Rev. Katherine Ward, rector of St. Augustine in Oakland, Calif., who was an educator for 40 years, said it is important that all Episcopalians learn about and respect each other.

"We have for too long allowed people to keep us at odds with each other and then they don't have to worry about us," she said. "For 300 years, the dominant culture taught us to hate ourselves. I don't understand a black congregation calling a white priest."

Meanwhile, young persons had their own agenda in a parallel conference, and did not focus on racism as much as they did on trying to get adults to



Janai Marshall, 16, of Washington, D.C., delivered one of the two testimonies during the Youth Eucharist at the UBE Conference in Hartford, Conn.

recognize and support them as a viable force in the Episcopal Church. They led a Youth Eucharist at Christ Cathedral in Hartford. Janai Marshall, 16, from Washington, D.C., was one of the two youth who gave a testimony. In an interview before the service, she said there is a lack of understanding among the youth.

"Most of the time we are not taught," said Ms. Marshall, a member of Church of Our Savior. "We don't have access to things. Even though a lot of teens are not strong in their faith, we feel it subconsciously. Teens don't have guidance to go forth in life."

Ms. Marshall said that youth must be able to learn from the congregation and get support.

"If we can't support each other, how can we get anything accomplished?" she said.

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Staying Together

What We Can Learn From Richard Hooker

By Philip B. Secor

or the past year or so I have been visiting churches throughout the country in the *persona* of Richard Hooker in order to acquaint fellow Episcopalians with our founding theologian on the eve of the 400th anniversary of his death last November.

Many Episcopalians take the occasion of meeting "Mr. Hooker" to question him about current issues: "Mr. Hooker, what is your opinion of ordaining women and homosexuals? What do you think of blessing same-sex unions?" Mr. Hooker is understandably shocked. In his day such ideas were unspeakable if not unthinkable.

Sometimes he is asked questions closer to his experience. "What do you think of Bishop Spong's ideas on the divinity of Christ, the Eucharist, the inerrancy of scripture?" Lately he has been questioned about the ordination of bishops in one national church by archbishops in another; and What does Hooker think of priests refusing Holy Communion to their own bishop? What about bishops who threaten to take their diocese out of the church?

In one sense, Hooker is not a good guide for a church like ours, which exists in a society defined by religious pluralism and separation of church and state. In his day it was nearly impossible to leave one church and join (or create) another over seemingly irreconcilable differences. If a group attempted to do so, it was guilty of fomenting schism and might also be engaging in treasonous behavior as well.

When he speaks of schism, Hooker is careful to tell you what it is not, by differentiating it from heresy and apostasy. The former is a direct denial of the foundation of our faith, which is that Christ died so that we might have life eternal. Heresy imperils our immortal souls and carries the awful penalty of separation from God's saving love in Christ. Heretics, whom Hooker tended to lump with false prophets and others whom he called "mockers" of the faith, are to be publicly identified by church authorities and then rooted out of the company of believers. Apostasy, according to Hooker, is an act by which one willfully leaves the church altogether, thereby forsaking the faith and



Philip Secor as Richard Hooker at General Convention 2000.

all communion with Christian people. Like heresy, apostasy is a sinful act in that it denies the foundation of our faith.

(Hooker might be tempted to argue that Bishop Spong, by his apparent denial of such fundamentals as the divinity of Christ, the infallibility of scripture and the Real Presence in the Eucharist,

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Richard Hooker

Hooker asks us first to consult holy scripture to resolve our differences. However, in matters not essential to salvation, scripture may be silent or ambiguous.

comes perilously close to denying the foundations of faith and so committing heresy.)

Schism, on the other hand, although most unfortunate and to be avoided if at all possible, is a lesser offense. It is reprehensible because it threatens the bonds of unity that hold together Christ's body by calling into question the regular and orderly practices of his church as sanctioned by the church leadership. However important the issues that prompt schism, such as matters of church polity, scriptural interpretation, liturgical practice, theology and/or ethical pronouncements, they are not essential. Rather they are what Hooker calls "matters indifferent" because, however they may be resolved, they do not affect our salvation.

Hooker has some words of wisdom for us when we are faced with the prospect of schism. He asks us first to consult holy scripture to resolve our differences. However, he cautions that in matters like these, which are not essential to salvation, scripture may be silent or ambiguous. If scripture fails to provide clear guidance, we are to consult the best religious scholars of our day as well as the historic experience and wisdom of the church. If serious disagreement persists, we are to obey the current authoritative decisions of our church whether we agree with them or not. To do otherwise is to foment schism. Certainly, we should be wary about trusting our own private notions of God's will in such "indifferent" matters, especially when our views conflict with the official pronouncements of the church. To do otherwise is to run the risk of self-righteousness.

We cannot know with certainty how Hooker would view current threats to the unity of our Episcopal Church. I think it possible that his overarching spirit of inclusiveness and his intense dislike of intolerant self-righteousness might lead him to embrace the global multi-jurisdictional Anglican Communion of our day in which Anglicans are able to move about the nation (or the globe) in search of communities of faith which are most congenial to their varying preferences concerning matters "indifferent."

This is not to say that Hooker would approve of schism within a given denomination. Any disruption of the peace and unity of the church is a sign of our separation from God — our sinful state. But given our fallen state and our imperfect knowledge of God's will in so many matters of importance to us (if not to him), we are bound to have differences of opinion and practice from one time and one place to another. And that is something Hooker might be willing to view as nonschismatic, within a broadened definition of "church."

In the midst of our current difficulties, Hooker counsels patience and an appetite for ambiguity in matters not connected to our salvation. He reminds us to keep focused on what does matter. There is nothing ambiguous or "indifferent" here. This is what binds rather than separates us: our faith that God loves us so much that he gives us his only Son so that we may be saved and live with him forever, and that he continues to offer us his grace as we participate with Christ in the mystery of the Eucharist. As for the rest, however vexing, none of it is worth the price of wrecking the unity of our branch of Christ's body — our beloved Anglican/Episcopal Church.

Philip Secor is the author of Richard Hooker: Prophet of Anglicanism. Burns & Oates; Anglican Book Centre, 1999, 2000, and The Sermons of Richard Hooker: A Modern Edition, SPCK, London.

Now I Ask You ...

Long ago I learned that it's not possible to find answers to perplexing questions unless I ask them. So here goes:

Whatever became of the Irenaeus Fellow-ship?

Shouldn't the Diocese of West Texas be named the Diocese of South Texas?

Why do some congregations release heliumfilled balloons on Pentecost? Wouldn't Ascension be a more appropriate time to do that?

Why is it that church people are determined to resolve every issue by establishing winners and losers?

Isn't Accokeek perhaps the saddest news story concerning the Episcopal Church in recent years?

Aren't you surprised that no one has brought presentment charges against the three diocesan bishops who don't ordain women?

Do we really want to refer to our churches as "missionary outposts?"

Isn't it only a matter of time before the issue of lay presidency at the Eucharist comes back to General Convention?

Whatever became of Episcopalians United? Aren't you amazed by the number of hymns in

Hymnal 1982 you've never heard or sung? Is a 30-minute (or more) sermon really neces-

sary? Is there anything more annoying than announcements during the liturgy?

Aren't we hurting ourselves by throwing Boy Scout troops out of our churches?

Do people really have to bring their cellphones to church with them?

And do they have to leave them on?

Isn't it ironic that some of the churches which bolted to the AMiA barely resemble Episcopal churches?

Aren't many of us discovering that the Revised Common Lectionary isn't so bad after all?

Is anything more dull than a deanery meeting?

Wouldn't you think that someone who's been through two or three episcopal elections and not elected would pack it in?

Have you been able to figure out whether this idea of interim bishops is a good thing?

Does the AMiA really need six bishops for 38 congregations?

Aren't we still confused about the role of mis-

sion in the church?

Is anything homelier than those tan albs?

Aren't people expecting too much of the annual meetings of Anglican primates?

Why do so many visitors get in and out of our churches without being spoken to?

Is there anyone less appreciated than a parish treasurer?

Can you believe how long it's taking to decide whether to move national church headquarters from 815 Second Ave.?

Is there a logical reason for a parish to be without a rector for two years?

Doesn't it seem strange for a Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry man to take over as dean of Nashotah

House? Is it my imagination, or are

eucharistic vestments becoming more popular?

Isn't the idea of "open baptism," discussed in these pages for

the past year, worth discussion by offi-

cial bodies of the church?

Shouldn't we be paying close attention to the way the Anglican Church of Canada handles its financial crisis?

Why do some people figure it's not important to go to church during the summer?

Doesn't the church have more important things to do than to be sending task forces into the three dioceses which don't ordain women as priests?

Wouldn't this be a good time to start thinking about one's stewardship commitment for next year?

Is there a bigger fad in the church at present than labyrinths?

Aren't you surprised by the amount of interest generated by the 2020 resolution (double the membership of the church by 2020)?

Isn't the job of the Archbishop of Canterbury a near-impossible situation?

Does anyone wear a maniple anymore?

Don't "ordinary" church members need some education about the church's nine provinces and what they do?

Whatever became of the North American Missionary Society?

Aren't Episcopalians becoming more congregational each year?

Why are Taizé services proving to be so popular?

David Kalvelage, executive editor

Did You

Know...

The churchyard at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, England, has a gravestone to the church cat.

Quote of the Week

The Rev. Neal Michell, missioner for strategic development in the Diocese of Dallas, on church growth: "As a denomination, we are much better at reducing the size of our congregations than we are at growing them."

ls a 30-minute sermon really necessary?

Lesser and Greater Issues

This issue contains two very different articles which carry the same basic message. That is, the church is spending too much time arguing about issues that could be termed "lesser" rather than putting its emphasis on matters connected to our salvation. We focus on controversial issues on which we are divided rather than

By spending great amounts

of time on these matters, we

become less effective at

sharing our faith.

accentuate that which we hold in common. We would tend to agree, and would go so far as to admit that the magazine has been guilty of emphasizing at times issues which can divide us or divert us from the church's mission.

Whether to bless same-sex relationships, whether a duly called priest can be removed as rector, the role of the authority of scripture, are important issues to many of us, but they are not, as one of our authors terms it, "essential." By spending great amounts of time on these matters, we become less effective at sharing our faith, less able to minister to the needy, and even less interested in providing pastoral care to those who need it.

At the same time, we would be remiss if we ignored the controversial issues which confront the church. Matters of ecclesiology, polity, sexuality, ordination, liturgy, and other subjects are important and will continue to be discussed by thoughtful Christians. We believe the pages of this publication are an appropriate place for those matters to be raised, whether in news articles, commentary, or letters from readers. It would be irresponsible of this magazine if it presented only those topics directly concerned with the salvation of humanity.

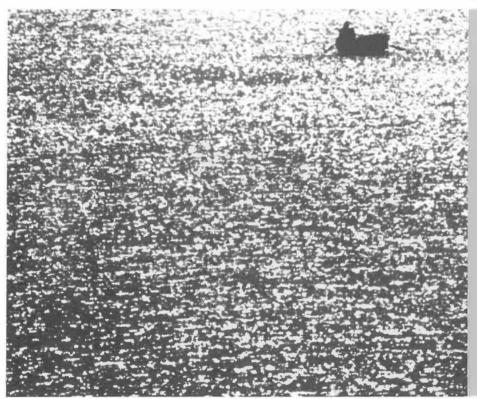
Episcopalians, and Anglicans in general, are a strange lot. Whatever the topic, some of us will disagree with others. Yet we are joined in faith, loved by God, members of a worldwide eucharistic community. Surely that is worth trying to keep together.

Much Unbelief



A recent poll on what Americans believe, conducted by the Barna Research Group, is not flattering toward Episcopalians. In a study of more than 6,000 American adults, considerable diversity was revealed regarding "core beliefs," the independent California marketing research company indicated. For example, only 20 percent of Episcopalians surveyed affirmed the basic protestant belief that people do not earn their way to heaven by good works. Twenty percent of Episcopalians agreed with the statement "the Bible is totally accurate in all that it teaches," compared to 41 percent nationally. Only 12 percent of Episcopalians surveyed felt evangelism was a personal responsibility, and 20 percent accepted the reality of the existence of Satan. Other numbers to be concerned about were that only 59 percent of Episcopalians believe God to be "the all-powerful, all-knowing, perfect creator of the universe who still rules the world today," and just 28 percent of the Episcopalians surveyed agreed with the statement that Christ was without sin. In looking for something positive from the survey, we can take heart knowing that the Episcopal Church has always made room for a wide variety of beliefs, and in the fact that a relatively small number of persons participated in the survey. Yet we can't help but ask just what is it that we believe.

VIEWPOINT



Missing the Boat

Our preoccupation with lesser issues has stifled our energy.

By Marek P. Zabriskie

E very day in America, 12 children are killed with firearns. That's an entire classroom of children killed by gunfire every two days. More than 30,000 Americans were shot and killed by gunfire last year. That's more than half the number of Americans who died in the Vietnam War. At last count, 20 million people had died from AIDS, leaving 13 million orphaned children. Palestinians are suffering from a form of apartheid. In the Gaza Strip, 42 percent of the land has been expropriated for 3,000 Israeli settlers, guarded by 6,000 soldiers.

Salaries of chief executive officers and star athletes have reached obscene levels while average, hard-working individuals are laid off from jobs. Tension fills our high schools as teens have

unleashed weapons upon their peers in Littleton, Colo.; West Paducah, Ky.; Pearl, Miss.; Springfield, Ore.; Jonesboro, Ark.; Edinboro, Pa.; Conyers, Ga., and Fort Gibson, Okla.

The top 1 percent of Americans had as many after-tax dollars to spend as

the bottom 49 percent. One of three children in America is now born out of wedlock. Each year, 100,000 Americans die from smoking-related illnesses. The fastest-growing religion in America is a neo-pagan form of goddess worship called Wicca. While we sleep tonight, 2,500 Somalian children will die of disease or starvation.

Years ago, the Episcopal Church confronted issues like these. Our clergy and lay leaders spoke out. The church did something. It channeled our hearts and energies in worthwhile directions. Church leaders championed important causes. They drew upon what was best within us and led us to engage the critical issues of our day. They lived with the gospel in one hand and the newspaper in the other. The church made a difference in people's daily lives. Some bishops, other clergy and laity still do this, but by and large we have allowed lesser issues to capture our attention.

Our preoccupation with lesser issues has stifled our energy, split our ranks and hampered our ability to share our faith, care for the poor and address issues of justice. In the process, we hear less and less from our leadership about issues that make a difference between life and death. We

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waste considerable energy trying to appease those who still struggle with ordination of women or argue about gays and lesbians as their primary agenda. I believe we have missed the boat.

No wonder in many areas of our country people no longer look to the church to set the nation's agenda. It is no surprise that many young people do not admire that church enough to want to enter her leadership ranks. In the eyes of many young people, the church is perceived as being irrelevant

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and not a force. The church's leaders are not serving as prophets. Church leaders have less credibility to guide our nation as we continue to bicker over issues society deems already settled or inconsequential when compared to the pressing issues of our day.

The sin of America is not sex; rather it is ravenous consumption. We blindly hoard the world's resources and act as though nothing is wrong with our extravagant lifestyles. Americans are part of the 20 percent that uses 80 percent of the world's resources.

Increasingly we fight the wrong battles. We major in minors. While others die without hope, we focus on self-serving issues. We jettison the gospel imperative to care for those in need and to seek justice for all in order to form a homogenous club whose members focus on safe issues where a clear moral enemy may be declared. All in all, we concentrate on controversial issues that continue to split the church.

What's front and center? Worship and mission. Breaking bread and proclaiming the gospel. Bringing people to Christ and forming Christian souls. Deepening each other's and our own conversion so that lives are transformed. Learning and living the scriptures. Building a strong relationship with God and letting this inform all of our decisions and actions. Helping people engage the important issues of our day. Caring with compassion for those who suffer and hurt. Reconciling others to God and to each other.

Churches that focus on these concerns remain healthy. They grow and above all make a difference in the world and in ushering in the kingdom. Today, the Anglican Communion must do the same. It is time for us to end our collective navel gazing. I remember well when Jim Annand, the former dean of the Berkeley Divinity School at Yale, said, "We spend so much of our time fighting over which silver to use and what placemats to set down or how we should arrange the table, that we never get around to inviting anyone to come to dinner with us." Is that not the truth? People do not want to join a group constantly immersed in controversy. Most people want to be part of a group that has a clear vision, that makes a difference and breathes life, hope and excitement into the world around it.

What holds us together is not doctrine. It never has been and never will be what unifies us. Since our inception, Anglicans have been split over what we believe to be true. Wherever two or more of us are gathered, there is bound to be an argument. We debate how to worship, whether abortion is right or wrong, if the death penalty is just or unjust, and whether euthanasia is an ethical choice or just a cop out. We ponder whether priests should bless hunting dogs and boats, be accountable for growing their churches or leading lives of a higher standard than those in the pew.

What binds us is not one doctrine or a single straight, clear reading of the scriptures, which has eluded all of our predecessors. What binds us is common prayer. What makes us unique as Anglicans is the fact that we can gather the most obstinate and diverse body of believers, each of whom is made in the image of a loving God, each of whom bears a grain of truth, light and love, and draw this diverse body into prayer. That is our power. It is our gift to the Christian world. F.D. Maurice, William Temple and other leading lights have often reminded us of Anglicanism's focus on the incarnation. Earthly issues matter. We are called to move from worship to service. We can and should live out our faith in ways that bring about justice in the world.

Our light shines dimly but could shine more brightly. To do so, we must stop dissecting and revisiting peripheral issues and wage battle with the concerns that determine the difference between life and death. We hold the power to help people live with hope rather than succumb to despair.

As Christians we possess something that no other group brings to the table. It is the gospel, the good news of Jesus Christ. We ought not to hide it, nor place it on the back burner nor trade it for some pet issue. The harvest is plentiful if only the gatherers will figure out where the true field of opportunity lies. If our church is to be relevant and faithful to Christ, it is time that all of us — lay and ordained — begin moving in the right direction and stop pausing along the roadside to dabble in yesterday's battles or today's fleeting issues. Rather, let the Holy Spirit lead us in paths that bear fruit, stir souls and transform lives.

As George MacCleod, the former leader of the Iona Community in Scotland, once said, "Jesus was not crucified on an altar between two candlesticks but rather at a crossroads between two thieves."

The Rev. Marek P. Zabriskie is the rector of St. Thomas' Church, Whitemarsh, Fort Washington, Pa.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR,

Seize the Opportunity

As a long-time participant from dioceses and provinces on both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts in the work of the Executive Council and other national church bodies, I strongly support the proposal described to relocate the Episcopal Church Center to the General Seminary campus [TLC, July 1].

Our church's role in international and ecumenical affairs clearly requires that its leadership be centered in the eastern metropolitan belt.

At the same time, its program initiatives in education, evangelism and leadership training require conference facilities comparable to those of Seabury House. To work in partnership with General Seminary, the one official educational institution of our church in these ministries is an opportunity not to be allowed to slip past us.

I trust that decisive steps will be taken to seize this opportunity.

Just as "281" and "815" served the needs of their times, so GTS can be the vehicle in which our leadership travels now into the 21st century. (The Rev. Canon) Roswell O. Moore Bend, Ore.

I read with wonderment the plan to relocate the Episcopal Church Center. I thought to myself, how could this be? And worse yet, if it were to move to General Seminary, what would I then call it? I and most of my colleagues have referred to the Church Center as "815." What in the world would it be called now? Would it take the address of General Seminary? Would I have to say, "I don't know what those guys back at 175 were thinking?"

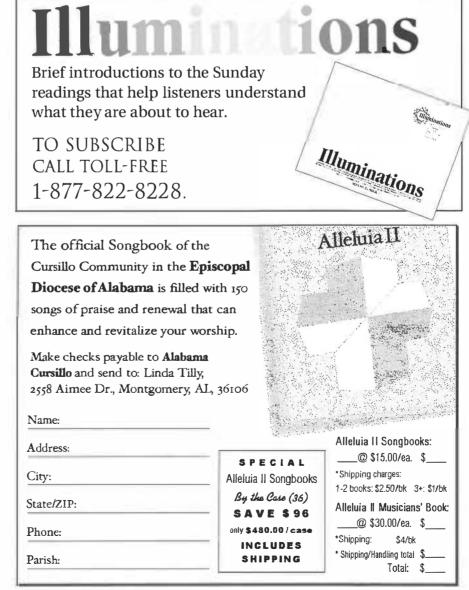
It seems obvious to me that moving 815 is an idea whose time has come. I would have thought that moving to a considerably less expensive place might be in order. It would be just my luck, however, that they would choose some place in Atlanta, GA, with the address 666 Second Ave. Then what would we do?

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new location with the same address. That way it will make it easier for all of us who have become so attached to "815."

> (The Rev.) Roger Grist St. Matthew's Church Portland, Ore.

Time Well Spent

Kudos to THE LIVING CHURCH and good and faithful friend George Martin on his article "Clergy Sabbaticals" [TLC, June 3]. I hope readers cut out the article and give it to their wardens for review. As a sabbatical recipient, I can agree that after six years of parish work, a time for reflection away from the spiritual community was definitely needed.

While Fr. Martin's article focused on the involvement of the Church Pension Group, I believe every sabbatical must be thoughtfully planned well in advance. I would be willing to share the Diocese of West Missouri's policy on sabbaticals established through our commission on ministry. This policy helps clarify the difference between vacation and sabbatiplanning, financial cal time, considerations, plus how the parish/mission benefits from the sabbatical, too.

(The Rev.) Russell W. Johnson St. Peter's Church Kansas City, Mo.

Not the Same Way

Regarding the phrase "... the incarnate presence of ordained women" in the letter "Misunderstood" [TLC, July 1], while technically accurate, the word "incarnate" connotes to most (if not all) Christians the human person of Christ. Unfortunately, the phrase thus comes across as equating ordained women and our Lord. This is unfortunate, although doubtless unintended, as it will inevitably raise the hackles of those of us who believe that, as Christ is unique, neither male nor female clerics are incarnate in the same way as he is.

> (The Rev.) Richard M. Flynn Trinity Church Natchitoches, La.

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Bruce Neswick is canon musician at St. Philip's Cathedral, Atlanta, GA.

Deaths

The Rev. Richard Nicholas Lacava, Jr. 53, a priest of the Diocese of Vermont, died May 8 at his home in Springfield, MA, from a heart attack.

Fr. Lacava was born in Hartford, CT. He graduated from American International College. Springfield College and Yale Divinity School. He was ordained deacon and priest in 1984. He was vicar of Grace Church, Yantic, CT, from 1984 to 1988, and vicar of Our Saviour, Killington, VT, 1992-95. He was an associate of the Order of the Holv Cross and the Order of St. Luke, and a member of the Society of Mary.

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