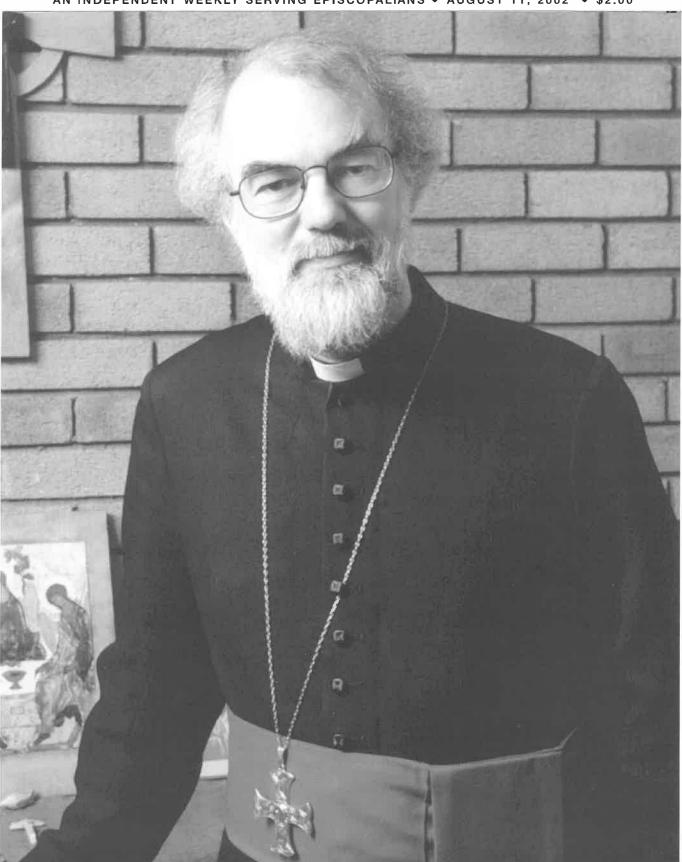
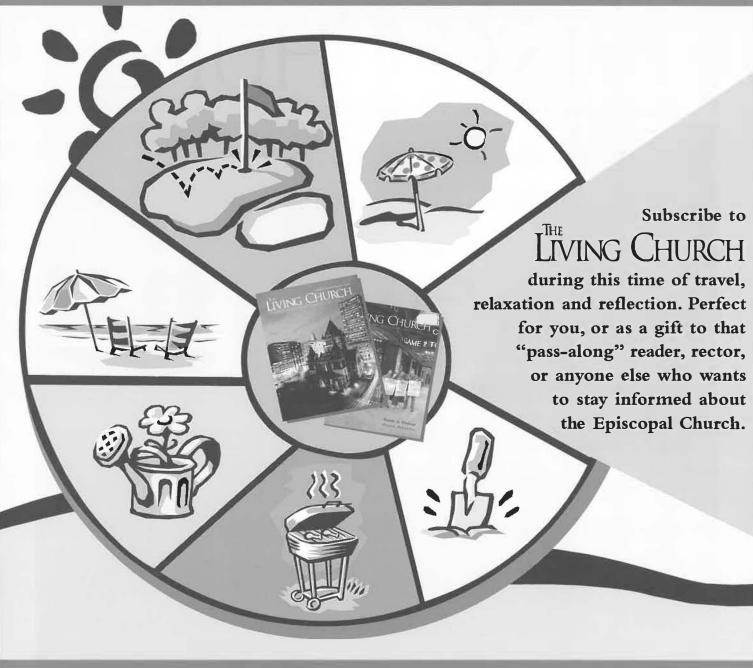
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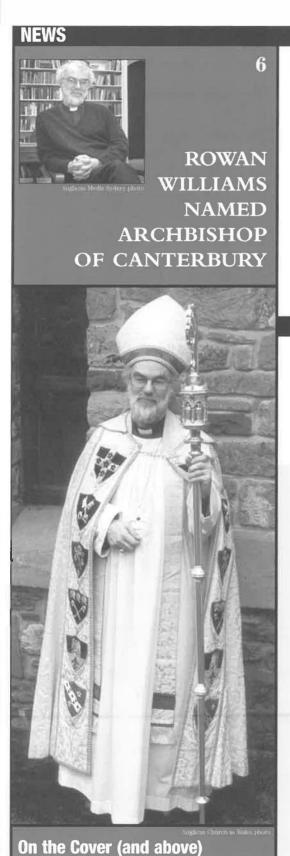
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## **Evangelize Jews? Oh, Please!**

'For the sake of those of my own race' (Rom. 9:3)

The 12th Sunday after Pentecost, Aug. 11, 2002 Jonah 2:1-9; Psalm 29; Rom. 9:1-5; Matt. 14:22-33

Jonah had no use for the corrupt and pagan people of Nineveh. Furthermore, he couldn't see why God should be bothered with them. His view of God's kindness had no room for the inclusion of people like them. They just didn't qualify. Geographically and morally they were too far removed. All they deserved was divine neglect.

Paul saw Jonah's attitude in the mindset of the Romans to whom he wrote. Like Jonah, they were applying a filter to those who should be recipients of grace. Grace covered only those whose faith included "the works of the law" — keeping the Sabbath, observing circumcision, and not eating food offered to idols. All others the Romans relegated to the same divine neglect where Jonah placed the Ninevites.

Paul had been chipping away at this mentality throughout his epistle. He was determined to break through the Gentile Christians' defenses so they could hear God's missionary calling. He introduced (1:5) and concluded (16:26) the epistle with this theme. In the first chapters, as he clarified justification by faith, he did so in ways that undermined any qualifications to the sinners for whom Christ died. As there is no place of divine neglect, so there is to be none disqualified from our missionary

The specific instance Paul cites here is mission to the Jews (9:1-5). They had been filtered out by the Romans.

For many today, Jewish evangelism is about as politically incorrect as it gets. Not because they are too undeserving, but because God has given them a separate covenant, the reasoning goes. The incarnation and crucifixion of Jesus Christ were not necessary for God's redemptive plan for the Jews. They have a different path to God; therefore we need not bother ourselves with turning their attention to these truths.

Paul addressed the Jews' omission with passion ("I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish ..." (9:2). To them God gave "the prophets." covenants," "the promises," and "the ancestry of the Messiah" (9:4,5). Does that sound like a different path for them? Are they not included under the same terms as the Gentiles? They are more than a test case; they hold center stage in God's salvation history. So how come, Paul would ask us, we dare exclude them from mission?

If a group is out of our sight, we usually move them out of our mission vision. They may be Jews, or tribes in Morocco, or people in projects in our cities. To go to them takes nerve and faith, like what Peter showed in his venture on top of the waves. Note that Peter did not say, "Lord, I'm coming." Rather, he asked. "If you tell me to, I will come" (Matt. 14:28). And Jesus called him. That is the nerve and the faith the church needs for our call to those out of our sight but still in God's vision.

#### Look It Up

For a further look at Romans from this angle, check out this website: http://www.geocities.com/the\_theologian/content/doctrine/dunn.html

#### Think About It

Paul talks about Jewish evangelism in terms of making Israel envious (Rom. 11:11). What are ways that can happen?

#### **Next Sunday**

The 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 56:1(2-5) 6-7; Psalm 67; Rom. 11:13-15,29-32; Matt. 15:21-28

#### **BOOKS**

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#### **Going Public Christian Responsibility** in a Divided America

By Lawrence E. Adams Brazos Press. Pp. 192. \$18,99 paper. ISBN 1-5873-030-4

Lawrence Adams, an opinion researcher at the University of Virginia, describes the profound divisions in our political culture. Not only are believers squaring off against skeptics; Christians themselves vary greatly with each other in their concepts of public life.

Adams surveys a vast number of theoretical statistical publications and concludes that many Americans who consider themselves religious still doubt whether religious groups should try to influence political structures, but are content to confine spirituality to private life. Even those who wish that all citizens shared common values paradoxically expect each American to arrive at his or her own answers to questions such as whether to keep abortion legal.

Opinion research suggests that even though religion is much in the news these days, there is little reason to hope that particular denominations will be able to capitalize on this trend and make a significant difference in society. Adams warns that the resurgence of culture and religion as global political forces, as with the widespread religiosity of the American people, should not lead to assumptions of easy public influence by the church.

Going Public discusses the valuable theological concept of "principled pluralism" wherein "God mediates his power on earth through various offices or representatives rather than exercising it directly; his authority is never concentrated in any one person or any one institution." Unfortunately, Lawrence Adams' own survey data indicates that the general American public has little interest in abstract ideas.

The reader may find it hard to judge whether Adams personally is a conservative or a liberal, an indication that he is an objective observer of a deeply conflicted scene, and also a sign that questions of religion and public life transcend partisan politics.

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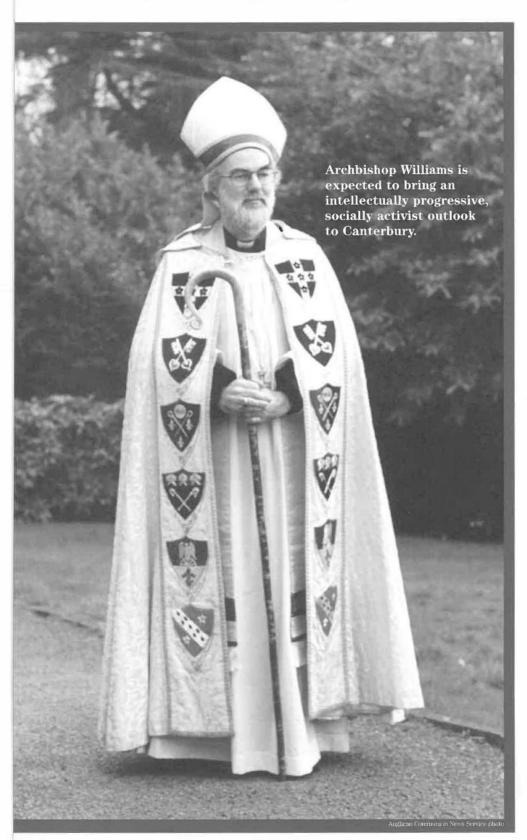
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## **It's Official - It's Rowan Williams**



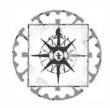
British Prime Minister Tony Blair ended weeks of speculation and intrigue on July 23 when he announced the appointment of the Most Rev. Rowan D. Williams, 52, as the next Archbishop of Canterbury.

Archbishop Williams is the first Welshman ever to occupy the see first held by St. Augustine and the first from outside the Church of England to hold the position in at least 300 years.

"If there is one thing I long for above all else, it is that the years to come may see Christianity in this country able again to capture the imagination of our culture, to draw the strongest energies of our thinking and feeling," Archbishop Williams said at a news conference after his appointment was announced.

It is expected Archbishop Williams, currently Primate of the Church in Wales, will bring an intellectually progressive, socially activist outlook to the Anglican Communion's most visible ministry, according to supporters and detractors alike. He wasted no time challenging the government on moral and spiritual issues. On the day his announcement was made public, The Times of London published the first in a series of excerpts from a recent book in which Archbishop Williams criticizes Western culture in general and the Disney Corp. in particular for sexualizing childhood and manipulating children into obsessive consumers of style:

"The child is the (usually vicarious) purchaser of any number of graded and variegated packages — that is, of goods designed to stimulate further consumer desires," he wrote. "A relatively innocuous example is the familiar 'tie-in,' the association of comics,



The Church of Wales severed its designation as the official religion during Archbishop Williams' tenure.

sweets, toys and so on with a new film or television serial; the Disney empire has developed this to an unprecedented pitch of professionalism."

The Most Rev. Desmond Tutu, the Nobel Prize-winning retired Archbishop of Cape Town, has called Archbishop Williams "the leading theologian in our Communion," but some conservatives, including a majority of primates in Africa, have expressed alarm over his views and actions on homosexuality. Recently Archbishop Williams admitted ordaining a priest whom he suspected of living in a homosexual relationship.

Archbishop Williams was born in Swansea to a Welsh-speaking family. He earned a doctorate from Oxford University in 1975, and prior to his elevation as bishop he spent his adult life in academia, having taught at both Oxford and Cambridge until his 1991 election as Bishop of Monmouth. In 1999, he was elected Archbishop of Wales. He married Jane Paul, currently a teacher at Trinity Theological College in Bristol, in 1981. They have a daughter, Rhiannon, 14, and a son, Pip, age 6.

Under the process by which the Archbishop of Canterbury is chosen, a panel comprised of members of the Church of England forwards the name of its first and second choices to the prime minister, who in turn selects one name (perhaps one not even mentioned by the Church Advisory Panel) to present to the monarch who as titular head of both church and state must consent.

The process until the monarch approves is supposed to be secret, but in June news about Archbishop Williams' appointment was leaked to The Times [TLC, July 14]. Publication of the story and outcry from conservatives, particularly those overseas, prompted renewed calls for changing both the nature of church-state relations in England and the way senior clerics are chosen. The Church of Wales severed its designation as the official religion during Archbishop Williams' tenure and he is said to favor disestablishment for the Church of England as well. Despite their disagreement on this and a number of other issues. the Most Rev. George L. Carey, Archbishop of Canterbury, who was visiting the United States. magnanimous in his public comments about his successor.

"Rowan will bring to this demanding office great abilities as a theologian and as an experienced primate of the Anglican Communion," Archbishop Carey said. "He and his wife, Jane, can count on my support and that of my wife, Eileen, as well as our prayers and good wishes in the days ahead."

Archbishop Carey announced previously his intention to retire at the end of October.

#### **Archbishop Carey Will Retire to Welsh Village**

When he retires as Archbishop of Canterbury in October, the Most Rev. George L. Carey will trade the residence at Lambeth Palace for a quiet Welsh village not far from where his successor was raised.

Archbishop Carey is said by *BBC News* to be an enthusiastic walker, and the village of Oldwalls on Gower contains both dramatic cliffs and sandy coastlines. It was the first area in Great Britain to be declared an area of outstanding natural beauty, and real estate prices have skyrocketed in recent years. Not long ago, Hollywood actress Catherine Zeta Jones began construction on a \$1.2 million luxury home for her parents in the seaside village outside of her native Swansea.



Archbishop Williams and his wife, Jane.

## **Respect and Admiration for Scholarly Primate**

Most Episcopalians greeted the news of the appointment of the Most Rev. Rowan Williams as the next Archbishop of Canterbury positively if not enthusiastically. A sampling of reactions from leaders of the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion:

The Most Rev. Frank T. Griswold, Presiding Bishop: "I am very pleased with the appointment of Rowan Williams to be the next Archbishop of Canterbury... The combination of a keen mind and a contemplative heart, together with an ability to relate classical Christian tradition to the needs and struggles of our world, make him eminently qualified to take up this important and challenging ministry of service."

The Rt. Rev. **Leo Frade**, Bishop of Southeast Florida: "I believe that he carries a vision that not only will be a blessing for the church in the British Isles, but for Anglicans in all continents of this planet."

The Very Rev. **Ross Jones**, dean (Continued on next page)

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of St. George's College, Jerusalem: "God has provided the right man at the right time. Thanks be to God."

The Rev. lan T. Douglas, professor of mission and world Christianity at Episcopal Divinity School: "As a scholar, theologian, pastor, poet and person of prayer, he will serve ... with insight, sensitivity and vision ... I see Archbishop Williams as profoundly orthodox in his beliefs while at the same time well-versed in postmodern and post-colonial realities."

The Rev. Canon **Gene Robinson**, canon to the ordinary of the Diocese of New Hampshire: "It's hard to imagine a more exciting choice for Archbishop of Canterbury. A man of astounding intellect and deep spirituality, coupled with an acute awareness of the issues and crises which face the real world. All this, plus the groundedness of raising a young family."

**Diane Knippers**, an Episcopalian who is president of the Institute on Religion and Democracy: "The appointment of Rowan Williams to this position will likely aggravate tensions within the Anglican Communion. Unfortunately, Williams' views do not always represent mainstream Anglicanism."

The Rev. **David Bollinger**, General Convention deputy from the Diocese of Central New York: "I met him in Oxford some years ago at a ... summer program ... I receive him as an outstanding voice of the challenge, faithfulness and hope of Jesus Christ to the Anglican Communion and the world."

The Rt. Rev. **William Persell**, Bishop of Chicago: "I am delighted with the choice. He is an outstanding theologian, and he is committed to all sorts and conditions of people around the world."

The Rev. **Elizabeth Kaeton**, rector of St. Paul's, Chatham, N.J.: "As a catholic Christian leader, Dr. Williams will allow the churches in the Northern and Southern hemispheres to be who they are with integrity without insisting that either

## **Church of England Upholds Current Practice of Choosing Senior Bishops**

The Church of England rejected, by a margin of more than 2-1, a proposal to alter the current role of the state in choosing senior bishops.

Supporters of the defeated proposal argued that the church was capable of choosing its own leaders, but opponents of the measure said it would diminish the historical influence of the church and would be profoundly disloyal to Queen Elizabeth II during her golden jubilee year.

Under the current system, the Church of England enjoys what is known as establishment or recognition as the official religion of the state. The monarch is the titular head of the church and is consulted by the prime minister when senior bishops are appointed. The church's only official role in senior appointments is an advisory one. The current system has come under intense scrutiny in recent weeks after anonymous leaks were made to several newspapers about whom the Church Advisory Committee had recommended to the prime minister as the next Archbishop of Canterbury.

In other business from the July 5-9 synod, delegates approved an amendment to the canons which will allow priests at their discretion to perform church weddings for those whose first marriage ended in divorce. Synod also voted to move ahead with further preparation on a future vote allowing women to serve as bishops.

compromise what is essential in their perspectives about living a life of faith in Christ Jesus."

The Rt. Rev. **John Bryson Chane**, Bishop of Washington: "He is a scholar of the highest order and brings to the table an intellectual presence that is much needed in addressing the current state of the world and the Communion."

The Rt. Rev. **Jerry Lamb**, Bishop of Northern California: "I was greatly impressed by Archbishop Williams during the Lambeth Conference. I have been extremely impressed by his theological acumen and his deep spirituality."

**Sterling Newell**, frequent General Convention deputy from the Diocese of Ohio: "Everything I have read about Rowan Williams fills me with optimism and hope for good things for the Anglican Communion."

Most Anglicans around the world also were positive.

The Most Rev. **Peter Akinola**, Archbishop of Nigeria: "My hope is that he will prove his detractors wrong. I respect him, he is a well-learned man of

God, and I look forward to sharing in his ministry for us all."

The Most Rev. **Njongonkulu Ndungane**, Archbishop of Cape Town (South



Africa): "We thank God for the gift of a man who has great depth of spirituality, an incisive mind and a pastoral heart."

The Most Rev. Robin Eames, Archbishop of Armagh (Ireland): "I believe that Rowan Williams will bring to the leadership of the Anglican Communion scholarship, integrity and sensitivity. His deep spirituality will provide a firm foundation for the many diverse issues which will confront us in the years to come."

The Most Rev. **Bruce Cameron**, Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church: "He will... bring to this difficult task an insightful mind, a compassionate and caring heart, and a voice that will be listened to beyond the walls of the church."

Anglican Communion News Service contributed to this article.

## **Lutheran Ordained Without Bishop's Participation**

The first exception to a full-communion agreement signed between the Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) occurred July 20 in Tacoma, Wash., when Daniel Shaw, 26, was ordained by his childhood pastor, the Rev. Richard H. Foege, at Emmanuel Lutheran, a church that is part of a dissident movement which opposes the agreement and has withheld portions of its synod assessment in protest. It marked the first time since the agreement was signed that a Lutheran pastor was ordained by someone other than a bishop.

The Rev. William Chris Boerger, Bishop of the ELCA Northwest Washington Synod, was present at the service, but did not take part as is required by Called to Common Mission, an agreement which became official Jan. 1, 2001. Later that year, the ELCA's Churchwide Assembly angered some members of its new ecumenical partner when it adopted a unilateral amendment that permitted ordination in "unusual circumstances."

"I trust this ordination will be a significant healing step for those in the ELCA who continue to express theological opposition" to parts of the agreement "even as we build upon the new opportunities for shared mission with our full communion partners," said the Rev. Mark S. Hanson, presiding bishop of the ELCA.

Prior to the ordination Bishop Boerger told the ELCA News Service that he had consulted with and obtained the approval of Bishop Hanson, his synod council, several pastors in the synod, and the Rt. Rev. Vincent W. Warner, Episcopal Bishop of Olympia. Bishop Boerger, Pastor Foege and Bishop Warner were all unavailable when contacted by The Living Church. Staff members at each location said the men were on vacation until after Labor Day.

## **Lawsuit Against Bishop Bennison Moves Forward in Pennsylvania**

A lawsuit against the Diocese of Pennsylvania and its bishop, the Rt. Rev. Charles E. Bennison, Jr., will pro-

ceed to trial following a June 27 ruling by Judge Thomas C. Branca of the Pennsylvania Court of Common Pleas. Members of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Rosemont learned of these new



Bishop Bennison

developments during a parish meeting after services on July 14.

Judge Branca dismissed five of the original seven counts involving procedural review of Bishop Bennison's intention to depose the Rev. David L. Moyer, rector of Good Shepherd, on Sept. 4, but the judge said Fr. Moyer could seek a jury trial for monetary damages alleging breach of contract.

Fr. Moyer and the vestry of Good Shepherd accuse Bishop Bennison of failing to honor promises he made prior to his election as bishop and of unduly interfering with an employment contract and pension. Bishop Bennison inhibited Fr. Moyer over his long-standing refusal to schedule an episcopal visit. Over the course of a



Fr. Mover

number of years, Fr. Moyer has refused to schedule such a visit because he claims that Bishop Bennison's beliefs on sexuality and the authority of scripture make him a "false teacher."

"I cannot and will not obey a bishop who has departed from the faith and order of the church, and whose admonitions, judgments, and directives are ungodly." Fr. Mover told about 200 parish members in introductory remarks on July 14. "You and I were baptized and commissioned to be soldiers in the church militant, because we are to fight against and defend the church from all and anything that attacks, invades, and threatens her sacred honor as the bearer of truth. This is biblical and catholic Christianity. It is not fundamentalism. It is biblical, catholic, apostolic, and Anglican."

### **Priest Cleared of Charges in New York**

After being accused by her bishop last year of financial improprieties, a priest who was forced out as vicar at Grace Church in lower Manhattan has been cleared by the new Bishop of New York. She is now the rector of Grace Van Horst in Jersey City.

In transferring her canonical residence to the Diocese of Newark, the Rt. Rev. Mark S. Sisk, Bishop of New York, said the Rev. Janet Broderick Kraft has not "been justly liable to evil report, for error in religious or for viciousness of life" in the past three years.

In the spring of 2001 Ms. Kraft was forced by the Rt. Rev. Richard F. Grein, then Bishop of New York, to resign from Grace Church because he

found credible evidence that she was abusing her discretionary account. She denied the charges, and when her repeated requests for an opportunity to defend herself were denied, she claimed they were manufactured so that Bishop Grein could install close personal friends at the church prior to his retirement.

Ms. Kraft then sued Bishop Grein in civil court. Members of Grace Church also made a formal presentment charge against him. The civil case, according to *The New York Times*, is still pending. A review panel of bishops has found sufficient evidence in the ecclesiastical charges to conduct a formal investigation, according to Michael F. Rehill, Ms. Kraft's lawyer.

## **Now Understand This...**

The Diocese of New York wants people to understand the holy scriptures. In fact, it is so anxious that we understand that it has published a booklet about it. Let the Reader Understand: A statement of interpretive principles by which we understand the holy scriptures has been sent to all the bishops of the Anglican Communion, all congregations and clergy of the Diocese of New York, and to many church publications. Lord knows I need help in understanding the Bible. When I saw the title of this booklet, I thought this might be just what I need.

The booklet includes a letter from Bishop Mark Sisk of New York and Bishop Richard Grein, his predecessor. They explain that the booklet was prepared at their request by a group of clergy in response to actions of the 1998 Lambeth Conference.

"At the 1998 Lambeth Conference, a wide difference of opinion was evident among the bishops of the Anglican Communion concerning the holy scriptures," the letter states. "Some at the

conference suggested that those who did not accept their understanding of scripture were ignoring its authority. However, we believe this difference of opinion is about not the authority of scripture but its intepretation, and that it is possible to maintain a high respect for the authority of scripture while coming to different interpretations or understandings as to its meaning and interpretation."

For those who have been dozing off for the last four years, the bishops are referring to a resolution adopted overwhelmingly at Lam-

beth which said homosexuality is incompatible with scripture. Skillfully, homosexuality is not mentioned in the booklet.

The nine persons who prepared the booklet are identified at its beginning. Two of them have D.Phil. after their names. Two others are identified as "Dr." This is no group of lightweights. They identify 13 principles of interpretation, and there are four commentaries, including one from Richard Hooker, he of the three-legged stool fame.

The first principle says "The holy scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are 'the Word of God' and 'contain all things necessary to salvation'." If the church can't buy into that, it might

as well close up shop and sink, to quote Mike Tyson, "into Bolivian."

Principle No. 2 calls scripture the primary constitutional text of the church. No. 6 says "Individual texts must not ... be isolated and made to mean something at odds with the tenor or trajectory of the divine plan underlying the whole of scripture." Try meditating on that one for awhile. It seems to me the heart of the matter is found in No. 9, which points out "Faithful interpretation requires the church to use the gifts of 'memory, reason and skill" - there's a new three-legged stool for you — "to find the sense of the scriptural text and to locate it in its time and place." It goes on to explain that most important "among the guiding principles by which the church interprets the sacred texts is the congruence of its interpretation with Christ's Summary of the Law and the New Commandment, and the creeds."

The principles also state:

• It must be concluded that the words of a

scriptural text... however compelling, may not in every circumstance be received by the church as authoritative (No. 7).

- ... it is insufficient simply to condemn those things that are condemned somewhere in scripture, or to approve those things that are somewhere approved (No. 8).
- ... precisely because the church's members are human, their reading of scripture is contingent and fallible, even in faith and morals (No. 11).

So did the booklet prove to be helpful? I can't say that it did, for I recognized long ago that different

people interpret the same piece of scripture differently. My Bible study group may have five or six opinions about the same paragraph. Of course, we don't have D. Phil. after our names. The booklet did cause me to think a bit. I keep thinking about the title, for originally I thought it was a helpful explanation. It was the title that made me want to read the booklet. Instead, I keep seeing the stereotypical New Yorker, perhaps driving along the Cross Bronx Expressway, gesturing and shouting out the window, "Let the reader understand."

See the document for yourselves, on the diocese's website (http://www.dioceseny.org).

 $David\ Kalvelage,\ executive\ editor$ 

Did You Know...

George Washington was once a warden of The Falls Church in Falls Church, Va.

Quote of the Week

The Rt. Rev. Catherine
Waynick, Bishop
of Indianapolis,
on the novelty of being
a bishop: "... because
I am a woman
and therefore hold
the same fascination
for many people
as a talking frog ..."



### Theologian-Archbishop

The worst-kept secret in the Anglican Communion is finally out. The Most Rev. Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Wales, will be the next Archbishop of Canterbury. After weeks of speculation in British newspapers, Archbishop Williams' appointment as the 104<sup>th</sup> in the succession of Canterbury was announced July 23.

Archbishop Williams will be familiar to many Episcopalians, for he has made frequent visits to this country. He wrote of his experiences of being in New York City on Sept. 11, he has preached and taught, and he has been honored by some of our seminaries. He is known best as a theologian, and for this Anglicans can be thankful, for many of the issues facing the Anglican Communion will require someone with a keen theological mind. He is reported to have a strong interest in spiritual matters, perhaps much like the Episcopal Church's current Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Frank T. Griswold. His preferences for liturgy are said to be strongly traditional.

When he succeeds the Most Rev. George Carey, who will retire as archbishop in October, Archbishop Williams will have high visibility, as he will become not only the primate of the Church of England, but also the leading spokesperson for the worldwide Anglican Communion as well as a diocesan bishop and an ecumenical leader. From all indications, he is at home with all sorts, and possesses, as the *Independent* of London put it, "the ability to talk as easily to vagrants on the street as to Oxbridge dons."

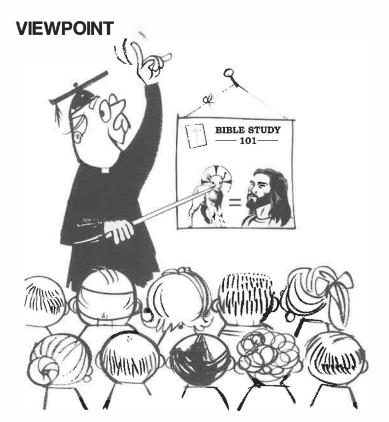
Having been a faculty member at Cambridge and Oxford universities, Archbishop Williams is very much an intellectual, one of the Anglican Communion's brightest minds, but he is able to preach so that those not so educated may understand his message clearly. Among his skills are the ability to speak in seven languages and the gifts of being an accomplished poet and a published author.

We offer hearty congratulations to Archbishop Williams and wish him well as he prepares to undertake a demanding new ministry. We urge our readers to pray for him. May he be filled with courage, wisdom and truth. Archbishop Williams is very much an intellectual ... but he is able to preach so that those not so educated may understand his message clearly.

### GTNG Welcomes Lay Persons

When Gathering the neXt Generation (GTNG) held its meeting in Indianapolis [TLC, Aug. 4], we were pleased to note that the organization has welcomed lay persons into its ranks. GTNG, formed as a network for clergy of the Generation X age group (born between 1961 and 1981), has restructured itself as it seeks to address the underrepresentation of young persons in the leadership of the church. In its short existence, GTNG has emerged as a resource for the church in such areas as ministering to and with young persons. It has the support of the Presiding Bishop and other church leaders, and it is positioned to be valuable in identifying and recruiting other young persons

as potential church leaders. We salute GTNG's leadership and wish it continued success as it provides a viable community for young Episcopalians.



## Too Much Bible Study?

Trying out the almost-endless methods of prayer that human beings have used through the ages and are experimenting with today may help one find the perfect fit.

By Travis Du Priest

bviously, for most Christians there cannot be such a thing as "too much" Bible study. Or can there be?

The boldest statements I ever heard on the subject came from my uncle, who was a priest. "I've never known anyone to become a better person or grow stronger in the

It seems that when someone asks for a church study group or small group discussion, we add a Bible study to the schedule. church through Bible study," he said. I suspect some might disagree with my saintly uncle, but his point was that Bible study is but a beginning for committed church members.

Let's discount the oddities of compulsive or obsessive behaviors which can manifest from an obsession over scripture (usually from an over-

dose of literal interpretations). These manifestations are certainly not the Bible's fault.

What I have in mind by "too much" is probably better expressed by "Bible study only." That same uncle used to say of a nearby Anglo-Catholic priest, "Every time someone wants a house call or an outreach, he adds another Eucharist to the schedule." Likewise, in this day and age, it seems that when someone asks for a church study group or small group discussion, we add a Bible study to the schedule. Increasingly, there is a tendency to sponsor or offer Bible study almost to the exclusion of all other forms of spiritual formation.

Whatever the reason — guilt over not having done so in the past, or keeping up with the Community or Bible Church down the street—Bible studies are currently the "in" thing.

Granted, Bible studies can be important and vital parts of our lives. Yet I've attended many in my life which are anything but studies of the Bible. On this matter, I agree with well-known Bible study leader and speaker Verna Dozier. She said: If your church or group holds a Bible study, make sure you actually study the Bible. A study group should have on hand at everyone's disposal *The Interpreter's Bible* or other good concordances and references. Use the *Oxford Study Bible*, which has excellent notes and maps and introductions. In other words, if you call it a study, then actually study.

On the other hand, if your church or group wants to encourage reflective reading, what the tradition calls *lectio divina* or holy reading, then clearly name it as such, letting people know that this method of slow, reflective "ingestion" of scripture has a venerable tradition and greatly enriches one's inner spiritual life. It is actually a form of meditation or mental prayer, and a rich enhancement of Bible study.

The African Bible Study method, popular in the Episcopal Church for a number of years, is a good example. Not actual study, it is a *lectio divina*-like method for group usage. I have taken part in its use in several venues and appreciated the discussions that have arisen.

What I mean by "too much" Bible study is the neglect of other practices of spiritual formation. Study is important – I taught at a liberal arts college for 27 years, so I count study as a cornerstone of being human, but study is but one

way into deeper relations with self, God and others.

One of the definitions I once read in a children's church school curriculum is "The church is an altar with a roof over it, around which God's people gather every Sunday." Of course, that definition can be picked apart, but there is truth in it. Do we teach devotion to the sacraments? Do we teach skills of adoration and worship? Indeed, do we teach methods of meditation? Different practices of prayer?

Even more to the point, do we practice these methods in our churches or homes? Do we lead our children and teenagers into life-practices along with the Bible stories they are taught? The word "practice" is probably more familiar to those of Eastern Orthodoxy or other of the world's great religious traditions of the East. Someone once wrote that (Western) Christians ask, What do you believe? and those from the East ask, What is your practice?

What our churches and our individual lives want for is devotional practice. Yes, keep the Bible study—and make it an honest-to-goodness real study. Keep the group reflective readings and sharings, but also offer, or avail yourself of, regular practices – learning how to sit still, practicing centering prayer, reading and trying out what the tradition calls still prayer, experimenting with various forms of meditation, experiencing *lectio divina*, internal imaging, active imagination, placing oneself inside scripture narratives, participating in contemplative Eucharists with plenty of silence, attending a Taize service if one is available in your

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— Anthony De Mello, writer

locale, attending one of the Daily Offices at a nearby monastery if possible, going on a personal retreat (what I call an "out-of-parish experience") to participate in silence and solitude.

And most important of all perhaps, studying or reading about, then trying out, the almost-endless methods of prayer that human beings have used through the ages and are experimenting with today. After all, as spiritual writer Anthony De Mello says, in almost all of his books in one form or another. Just as you cannot wear another man's suit or another woman's dress, so you are not likely to be able to pray in another person's way. Seek and you will find your own practice.

All of us, rectors, spiritual directors, active church members, can do our part by lifting up the often neglected "studies" of altar and sacraments, along with Bible study, but also encourage and participate in the actual practices of devotion, meditation, and prayer.

The Rev. Travis Du Priest is vice president of the DeKoven Foundation for Church Work and director of the DeKoven Center, Racine, Wis.

#### **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

## **Spiritually Fed**

I wish to respond to the Benediction piece, "Spiritual Hunger [TLC, June 9]. Being one of the 20 priests under 30 years old, and being a so-called "conservative," who looks to the scriptures before looking to the church and before looking to reason, I am confused at the contemporary idea

of being "spiritually fed." There are many means of grace, as we confess in our practice of the sacraments, but there is only one thing that God gives us as food. The body and blood of Christ is to be our food. It may not feed our emotions or our minds, or even our bellies, but we are assured by scripture, church tradition, and reason, that where there is faith there is food.

I know the prevailing thought is that the gathered community defines what is good and proper and beneficial, but that is not where the gift lies. It lies in the unexplainable, unalterable anam-



nesis of Christ in the bread and wine. I have nothing to offer. I am young and energetic and have big plans and schemes. I have opinions and positions. We all do. We all have something to offer, yet we are all fallen and infested with sin, and if we try to find the source of our spiritual nourishment in each other (even the community gathered) we will end up like those who try to subsist on human flesh, empty and emaciated. If some are not being "spiritually fed," perhaps they are looking for food where there isn't any?

(The Rev.) Guy L. Mackey, OPA Christ Memorial Church Mansfield, La.

#### **Incurable Optimists**

Thanks to David Kalvelage for his column, "Eyes on the Wrong Field" [TLC, June 16]. Because we only bother to decry the actions of people and institutions that we love, we must always be critical of the church. But this is no



Ad discussed in the June 16 issue of TLC.

excuse for the intemperate language used in *The Weekly Standard* ad. Christian courtesy has always been an important ingredient of true orthodoxy.

In my experience I have found three kinds of Western Catholics, very different in style if not in belief: Roman Catholics, Anglo-Catholics and former Anglicans. I am at home with Anglo-Catholics, being one of them myself, and I feel close to Roman Catholics, my brothers and sisters in the faith,

but I often find communication with former Anglicans very difficult — not because of our disagreements, but because

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of a negative and joyless approach to the faith. They so often sound like children disappointed in love. And when they talk about the gates of hell not prevailing against the church they seem to think that hell is on the offensive and they alone can protect the church against it. But gates do not attack, and we catholics are incurable optimists. We are on the offensive and the gates of hell shall not prevail against the onslaught of the church.

We are all suffering from denominationalism, trying to find which denomination is pure and undefiled. But denominations are inventions of the Reformation and have run their course. An authentic Christian life grows out of an evangelical catholicism transcending every denominational loyalty but embodied imperfectly in the historic catholic churches of East and West.

(The Rev.) John H. Heidt Christ Church Dallas, Texas

David Kalvelage, in his column, "Eyes on the Wrong Field", seems to have missed the point of the advertisement that he was discussing. The advertisement is addressed to Roman Catholics and says that the same thing may befall the Catholic Church in the United States as befell the Episcopal Church in the United States unless the Catholic Church acts differently than the Episcopal Church did. Mr. Kalvelage addressed the nits of the ad rather than the substance. The substance as stated in the ad is that, given the path that the Episcopal Church took, it now "approves shacking up; abortion, and homosexual unions: priestesses and out-of-the-closet homosexual priests; junking the indissolubility of marriage; New Age pagan rituals, etc." If Catholics don't want this to happen in the Catholic Church, they must take action now to prevent

These are presented as a warning to Roman Catholics. There was probably a similar warning to Episcopalians in 1970 that was ignored.

Are the statements about the Episcopal Church incorrect? Do they represent or misrepresent current Episcopal thinking? Should orthodox

Catholics be concerned about liberal Catholics following the same path as the Episcopal Church? Is the concern as stated in the ad valid? This is what should have been addressed.

Harry D. Bennett Montgomery Village, Md.

#### **A Vital Role**

William Keller was quite right in assuming that the diocesan conven-

tion of Pennsylvania designated its cathedral in 1992 [TLC, June 16], but the article probably strayed from canonical correctness in order to emphasize the vital role played by Rishon Allan Bartlet



Bishop Allen Bartlett, himself a former cathedral dean.

It was no mean feat to convince a diocese that had remained cathedralless for 208 years to bite the bullet. Ten years on, the leadership of both Bishop Bartlett and Bishop Bennison, his successor, has borne fruit with a cathedral that has made the front page in more ways than one. We salute them.

(The Very Rev.) Richard Giles Cathedral of the Saviour Philadelphia, Pa.

#### **Message of Hope**

The account of the consecration of John Chane as Bishop of Washington [TLC, June 23] with the inclusion of his remarks is an encouraging breath of life amidst all the extraneous issues not related to the gospel that swirl around the church. His statement that the Diocese of Washington and the Episcopal Church will be actively engaged in the issues of the day is refreshing. This gives hope that the church can focus its time and energy on those things which are related to people and their needs as witnessed to by Jesus Christ as he walked among the people during the years of his earthly ministry.

(The Rev. Canon) George I. Chassey West Columbia, S.C.

#### **PEOPLE & PLACES**

#### **Appointments**

The Rev. **Melanie Barbarito** is vicar of St. Francis', 2101 Rue de LaSalle, Wildwood, MO 63038-2214.

The Rev. **Tina Diane Britt** is assistant at Good Shepherd, PO Box 7791, Rocky Mount, NC 27804.

The Rev. **Carol J. Burgess** is deacon at Chapel of the Transfiguration (Penick Village), PO Box 2001, Southern Pines, NC 28387.

The Rev. **Douglas G. Dailey** is rector of Grace, 431 Washington St. NE, Gainesville, GA 30501.

The Rev. **Jack Estes** is deacon at St. Luke's Church, 2671 Mt. Vernon Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93386.

The Rev. **Patrick Finn** is rector of Our Saviour, 4416 Betsy Kerrison Pkwy., Johns Island, SC 29455.

The Rev. **Gary W. Goldacker** is interim rector of St. Paul's, 2747 Fairmount Blvd., Cleveland Heights, OH 44106.

The Rev. Wells Newell Graham is interim rector of St. Luke's, 435 Peachtree St., NE, Atlanta, GA 30308.

The Rev. **Dorothy Gremillion** is assistant at St. Andrew's, PO Box 1495, Roswell, NM 88202.

The Rev. **Rob Henley** is rector of St. Joseph's, Box 4766, Sevierville, TN 37862-4507.

The Rev. **Kurt Huber** is vicar of St. Peter's, 175 Old Tannery Rd., Monroe, CT 06468.

The Rev. R.W. (Bill) Hyde III is interim rector of All Saints', 209 W 27th St., Austin, TX 78705-5716.

**Michael Jackson** is lay vicar of St. Augustine's, 1410 41st St., Galveston, TX 77550.

The Rev. Jane Kempster is rector of St. Luke's,  $322~\rm E$  McBee St., Lincolnton, NC 28092.

The Rev. **Joan Kilian** is rector of Trinity, PO Box 2005, Statesboro, GA 30459.

The Rev. **Edward J. Konieczny** is rector of St. Matthew's, 3888  $27\frac{1}{2}$  Rd., Grand Junction, CO 81506.

**Hayward Learn** is consultant for congregational youth ministry, Diocese of Southern Ohio, 412 Sycamore St., Cincinnati, OH 45202-4179

The Rev. William E. Maddox III is rector of St. Titus', 400 Moline St., Durham, NC 27707.

The Rev. **Steven McClaskey** is rector of Trinity, 1818 6th Ave., Rock Island, IL 61201.

The Rev. Harrison McLeod is rector of Christ Church, 118 S Bois D'arc, Tyler, TX 75702.

The Rev. **Chantal Bianca Morales-Dennis** is assistant at St. Francis', 3506 Lawndale Dr., Greensboro, NC 27408.

**Desrie M. Nisbett** is coordinator of youth ministry in the Diocese of Kentucky, 425 S Second St., Louisville, KY 40202.

The Rev. **Harmon L. Smith, Jr.** is interim vicar of St. Mark's, PO Box 1071, Roxboro, NC 27573.

The Rev. **Mark D. Story** is rector of St. Mary's, 325 E First St., Edmond, OK 73034.

The Rev. Robert J. Talley is vicar of St.

Thomas á Becket, PO Box 1775, Roswell, NM 88202.

The Rev. **Claire Tenny** is chaplain at David son College and assistant at St. Alban's, PO Box 970, Davidson, NC 28036.

The Rev. **Hal Joseph Weidman** is curate at St. Peter's, Box 206, Talladega, AL 35161.

The Rev. **Robert Wismer** is chaplain at St. Francis' School, 335 Piney Point, Houston, TX 77024.

The Rev. **Percy J. Woodall** is missioner for world mission in the Diocese of Virginia, 110 W Franklin St., Richmond, VA 23220.

The Rev. **Margaret King Zeller** is associate at St. John's, 500 N Roan St., Johnson City, TN 37601.

#### **Ordinations**

**Priests** 

**Wyoming** — The Rev. **George Richard Snow,** local priest, St. Paul's, PO Box 316, Evanston, WY 82931.

Deacons

Arkansas — Bindy Snyder. Bethlehem — Daniel C. Gunn.

El Camino Real — Elizabeth Lockwood Hawley, Garrett Minarik Mettler, Suzanne Elizabeth Watson, John Francis Williams II, Kenneth Bruce Wratten.

Milwaukee — Ruth Koskela, Robert Koskela. North Dakota — Ann Anderson, Mary Jordheim Gokey, Linnae Grabner-Hegg, Betsy Porter, St. George's, PO Box 1241, Bismarck, ND 58502; Duffy Williams.

Olympia – John Allen, Susan Dean, Mary Moon, Cecilia (Cece) Morris, Esther Poirier, Jay Rozendaal.

South Dakota — Marty Garwood, Rhoda Mesteth.

Utah — Gena Adams-Riley, Brian W. Winter.

#### **Receptions**

**Olympia** — **Richard Buhrer**, from the Roman Catholic Church, as a deacon.

#### **Renunciations**

Mississippi — Jon Allen Caridad.

#### Resignations

The Rev. **Sarah J. Boelter** as associate, Trinity, Belleville, MI.

#### **Retirements**

**James L. Crawford, Jr.** as head of the Episcopal Academy, Merion, PA.

The Rev. **Gregory W. Wyes**, as rector of Christ the King, Tucson, AZ.

#### Correction

The Rev. **Anne H. Kelsey** is rector of Trinity, PO Box 4740, St. Louis, MO 63108.

#### Next week...

Archbishop Williams — What's Ahead

#### BENEDICTION

## The Terror of Our Belief

By David G. Duggan

I went to law school with a man who took some of the shotgun pellets that felled Jonathan Myrick Daniels. A seminarian at Episcopal Divinity School killed in Alabama in 1965, Daniels is commemorated by the church on Aug. 14.

My law school classmate, a former Roman Catholic priest, spent much of his 20s recovering from his wounds. Whether it is the comparatively complacent life of a lawyer, or the fact that he married a cousin of New York Yankee centerfielder Bernie Williams and fathered five children, he is now the picture of health, and looks 10 years younger than his 60+ years.

Few of us will ever have to confront the terror of our belief in justice, righteousness and peace the way my classmate did. Even fewer will pay the price with no hope for redemption this side of the grave. But it cannot be martyrdom that motivates these saints, that drives them to sacrifice for a Savior who endured all they have and worse. Martyrdom leads too quickly to self-righteousness and its evil twin — a disdain for us lesser mortals who choose compromise and conciliation, perhaps even cowardice, over the barricades.

I have no idea what motivated Jonathan Daniels or my classmate. Certainly the cause of freedom for those whose yoke of slavery had not been lifted for 100 years. Perhaps the spirit of the age which pitted young against old, hawk against dove, rich against poor, black against white. Maybe even the fear of being left behind in the cultural shift, of being afraid to be a pacifist in the

battle for the nation's soul.

Jesus confronted our tendency to shirk our duty to him. Those who loved their lives, their father and mother more than he, were not worthy of the kingdom. But who

can live up to this? Better yet, who can die to it?

St. Paul endured all to know the surpassing love of Christ and counted all as lost that he might be found in him. The original survivor, three times he sailed around the Mediterranean, preaching the gospel with no thought for himself, withstanding shipwrecks and stocks, five floggings, three canings and a stoning. Before he was beheaded, not as a Roman citizen as was his birthright, but as a rebel outside the city's walls, he wrote from prison that in these afflictions, we are more than conquerors, for neither death nor life, neither the present nor the future, neither angels nor demons, nor anything in creation can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus. David G. Duggan is a free-lance writer who lives in Chicago, Ill.

Above: Window of Jonathan Daniels at St. Clement's Church, New York City. Joe Ryder photo

## CLASSIFIEDS

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ANGLICAN THEOLOGICAL BOOKS — scholarly, out-of-print — bought and sold. Request catalog. The Anglican Bibliopole, 858 Church St., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866-8615. (518) 587-7470. AnglicanBk@aol.com.

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Compensation range is in accordance with AGO guidelines including salary and benefits and depending on experience and background. 1949 Moeller organ, rebuilt in 1991, and Kawai grand piano are used for services. A letter of inquiry with resume, two letters of reference, and personal statement describing the candidate's vision of the role of music in liturgical worship should be sent to: Barbara Harvey, Chair, Music Search Committee, Church of the Messiah, P.O. Box 127 Gwynedd, PA

19436-0127, E-Mail: messiah\_pa@msn.com.

RECTOR: Church of the Ascension, Seattle, seeks a fulltime rector for our 400-member parish family. Our 66-yearold parish is located approximately eight miles north of city center in a village-like community (Magnolia) offering sweeping views of the city skyline, Cascade and Olympic Mountains and Puget Sound. We are a strong parish seeking a dynamic, personable rector to lead us in our vision: To grow in our faith, our parish family and our compassion for others. To find out more, please request a parish profile via E-mail at: ascension\_seattle@msn.com or by mail at 2330 Viewmont Way West, Seattle, WA 98199.

PART-TIME RECTOR: St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Woodbine GA, a quiet country town near the Atlantic coast between Brunswick GA and Jacksonville FL. St. Mark's is a small rural church with a beautiful historic sanctuary and a friendly family-oriented congregation. We seek a vicar to lead worship, counsel parishioners, encourage growth, and expand community outreach. Address inquiries to Clark Heath, 674 Plantation Point Road, Woodbine GA 31569, Phone: (912) 576-1162, E-mail: cwheath@tds.net.

ASSOCIATE RECTOR: St. James' Church, Marietta, Georgia, (northem suburbs of Atlanta) is seeking an associate rector for this resource-sized parish where people have been worshiping for over 150 years. This dynamic congregation desires a strong preacher, able liturgist and priest with a successful work history which includes strong communication skills and success as a team member. The candidate should be seeking a collegial atmosphere. Please send resume to: The Rev. Karen Evans, St. James' Church, 161 Church Street, Marietta, GA 30060 or E-mail: stiames@mindspring.com.

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PARISH MISSIONER: St. Mary's is looking for a young, energetic priest with a strong personal relationship with Jesus Christ, an outgoing, creative personality with a healthy sense of humor and the ability to build rapport with young families. We are a parish of 500+ families, one of the fastest growing in our diocese, and known for its lay ministry and outreach. Five services on the weekend from Rite I to Rite III. The person God is calling to fill this new position would be asked to enter into a shared ministry with the rector and other clergy and staff. We are located in an appealing oceanfront town on the Treasure Coast. Send resume to The Rev. Tom Pittenger at St. Mary's Church, 623 E. Ocean Blvd., Stuart, FL 34994. E-Mail: pittenger@stmarys-stuart.org.

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FULL-TIME RECTOR: St. Matthew's Episcopal Church located 65 miles north of New Orleans and Lake Ponchatrain in the city of Bogalusa, population 13,000, is in search of a rector. St. Matthew's is a small congregation of 32 families and 43 communicants. We began 95 years ago and have a marvelous physical plant-church, parish house, classrooms, and offices with no debt. We seek a priest who desires to help us grow both spiritually and numerically by increase in membership, by community building and evangelism. Please send your resume to: Dr. Bruce Clements, 1113 Founder's Drive, Bogalusa, La. 70427, E-Mail: alliecat06@yahoo.com, Phone: (985) 732-9444.

YOUTH DIRECTOR: 1,000-member parish in the heart of the Texas Hill Country, 60 miles on 1-10 from downtown San Antonio, seeks a youth director who loves Jesus, loves kids, and has waining/experience in youth ministry. New youth director would join a new rector, new Director of Christian Formation, new Parish School Director, and other new staff. Parish will be constructing a new basketball pavilion, and new parish hall and offices. If you would like to serve as our youth director in this exciting time of development, send a resume to the Rev. Stockton Williams, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 320 St. Peter St., Kerrville, TX 78028. Parish website: www.ktc.net/stpeters. E-mail: stpeters@ktc.com.

CHURCH PLANTER: A full-time vicar wanted to start a mission in Oviedo, Florida, a fast-growing community of approximately 32,000 residents ten miles from Orlando. There has been an increase of 56.5% population in Oviedo in the last ten years; the median age in 2000 was 33.8 years. We are praying for a priest grounded in the Prayer Book, the Holy Eucharist and Episcopal liturgical traditions. We pray the Oviedo Mission will be a place where all are welcomed and children are nurtured, where leadership is shared, using team ministry and mutual responsibility, with a vicar who is a person who is both a resource and an enabler of and for ministry. Applications will be received until 10/1/02. For application, write The Rev. Danielle Morris, All Saints' Episcopal Church, 338 E Lyman Ave., Winter Park, FL 32789; or E-mail: therevdanielle@cf.com.

#### **POSITIONS OFFERED**

FULL-TIME RECTOR: The Church of Saint John the Evangelist, Bowdoin Street, Boston, MA, a former mission church of the Society of St. John the Evangelist, seeks an experienced, energetic priest with a progressive Anglo-Catholic background and commitment to urban social service ministry. We are a small congregation of faithful people from a variety of socio-economic and denominational backgrounds, with a desire to grow and thrive. St. John's has among the highest per capita financial stewardship in the diocese, and we have been a home to non-traditional families for several years. Some of our parishioners have seminary backgrounds, while many others are seeking basic education about Christian faith and practice. Among the notable features of our parish are its musically literate congregation and a history of wellknown organists. A separate non-profit corporation housed at St. John's and under the governance of a board comprised of vestry members served 28,000 meals to hungry people last year. This corporation currently has an executive director who is a deacon in the diocese. The rector would have responsibility for oversight of the programs of the corporation, but not day-to-day hands-on responsibility. Our building, in the Beacon Hill Historic District, is in need of further re-furbishing, yet we have recently restored the façade, replaced the roof, and repointed the envelope of the structure. Handicapped accessibility, interior painting and new floor covering for the nave and narthex, as well as decisions about our other properties will be challenges in the days ahead. The ideal candidate will have a proven track record in urban ministry and parish growth, be familiar with Solemn Eucharistic celebrations, and be willing to work with a diverse and engaged vestry and congregation. Interested candidates may learn more by consulting our website: www.stjohnsbowdoinst.org. Please submit resume and CDO profile to: Mr. Jeffrey Mills, Church of St. John the Evangelist, 35 Bowdoin St., Boston, MA 02114.

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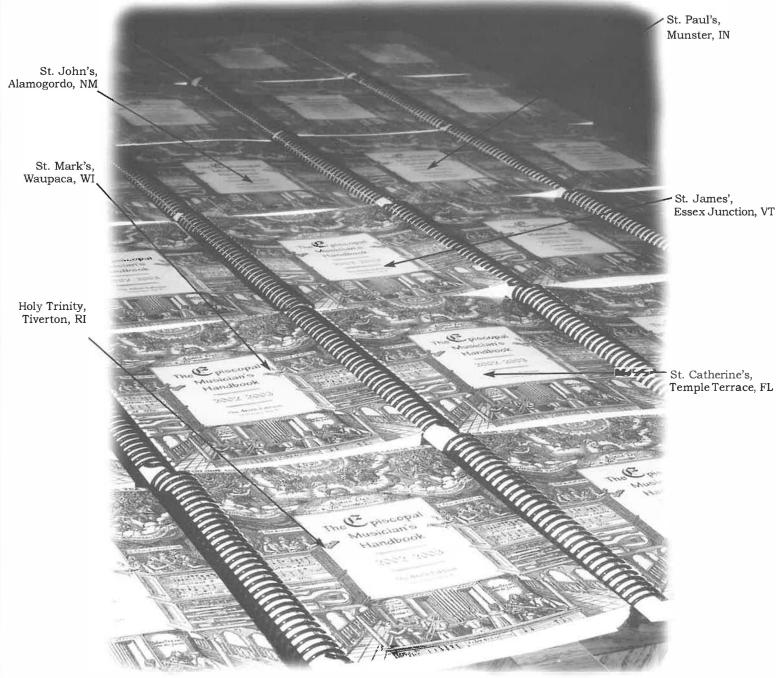
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