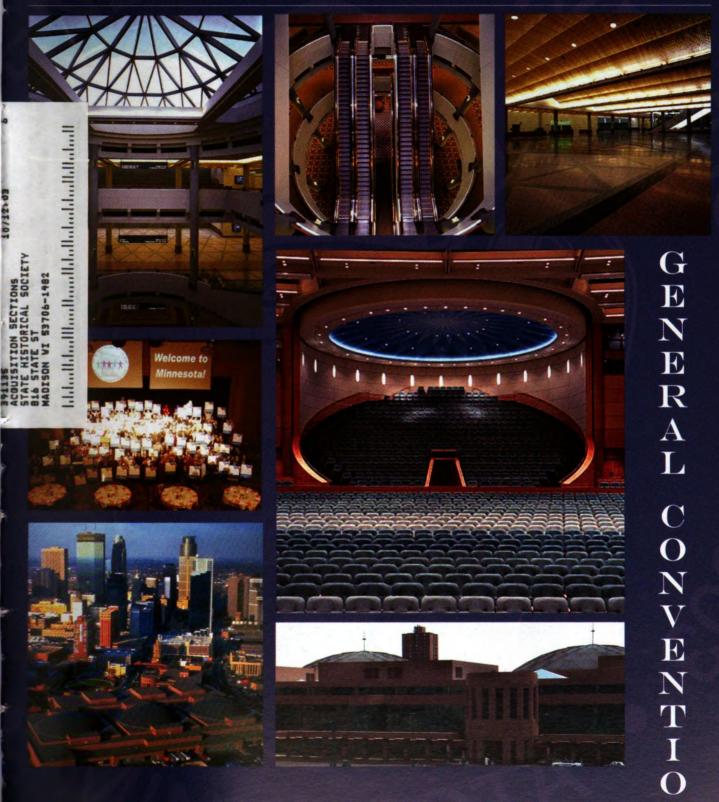
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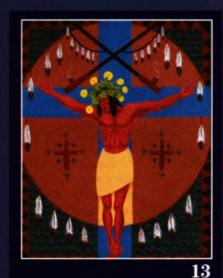
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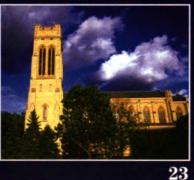
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SUNDAY'S READINGS

They Did Not Understand

'Take heart, it is I' (Mark 6:50)

The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost, July 27, 2003 (Proper 12B) 2 Kings 2:1-15; Psalm 114; Eph. 4:1-7, 11-16; Mark 6:45-52

The lesson from the gospel recounts the occasion when Jesus walked over the sea to the disciples in the early hours of the morning when they were straining ineffectively against an adverse wind. The previous afternoon Jesus had multiplied loaves and fish for the thousands. The last line of the lesson says that after Jesus entered the boat and the wind ceased, the disciples "were utterly astounded, for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened."

Mark points out that the disciples' "hard hearts" led to their being "utterly astounded" at the events that surrounded Jesus' coming to them over the water, and their failure to connect that miracle with the miraculous feeding of the crowd the previous afternoon. In Mark's Gospel, the 12 are named in chapter 3, and the events in today's reading are only three chapters later. Nevertheless, in that short interval not only have the disciples heard Jesus deliver much profound teaching, but they also have seen him still the storm on the Sea of Galilee (4:35-41), deliver the man possessed by a legion of demons (5:1-20), heal the woman with a hemorrhage (5:25-34), raise the daughter of Jairus from the dead (5:21-24, 35-43), and that, without the faith of the inhabitants of his hometown, Jesus could do no "deed of power" except a few healings. Moreover, he had already sent them out with authority "two by two" on a successful mission; following that came the miracle of the loaves.

With this amazing recent history, one may well ask where the disciples' "hard hearts" came from. After all this, why were they amazed at the wonder of Jesus walking on the sea? Yet is this not typical of fallen human nature? The Israelites under Moses saw their deliverance from Egypt due to miracles, yet still feared the Egyptians. They crossed the sea on dry ground yet doubted God's ability to provide for them in the wilderness. They received the manna but wondered whether they would die in the desert without water. When Jesus visited his hometown, "he was amazed at their unbelief" (Mark 6:6). In today's lesson, the same could almost be said of the 12 themselves. Fortunately, there is more to come. Like many believers, the 12 have yet to learn that the miracles Jesus did - and still does - can lead people to faith, but should never be the sole basis for that faith.

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Look It Up

What is it that Paul says is vital to keep believers from being tossed about by the winds of false teaching and human trickery (Eph. 4:14)? Read Ephesians 4:11-13, 15-16.

Think About It

If God does a mighty work in your life, does it mean that you will never doubt or be discouraged in your faith from that time on? Consider the difference between a relationship with God based on faith in him alone and a relationship that depends on "what he does for you."

Next Sunday

The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost, Aug. 3, 2003 (Proper 13B) Exod.16:2-4, 9-15; Psalm 78:1-25 or Psalm 78:14-20, 23-25; Eph. 4:17-25; John 6:24-35

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ACCUSTOMED TO HOPE: The Episcopal Church on the Mendocino Coast. By David Ollier Weber. Kila Springs Press. Pp. 183. \$25. ISBN 0-9716481-1-5.



Details the history of St. Michael and All Angels' Church, Fort Bragg, Calif., from its founding in 1902, through the 1906 earthquake,

World Wars, and the Depression. The black-and-white archival pictures of the church, the town, a bank reminiscent of *A Wonderful Life*, and the earliest clergy, are fascinating, as is the story.

THROUGH THE WINDOW OF THE ORDI-NARY: Experiences of Holy Week. Text by Janet B. Campbell; photographs by Anne Wetzel. Church Publishing. Pp. 146. \$20.95 paper. ISBN 0-89869-353-5.

Black-and-white photos and meditative, poetic descriptions of Holy Week observances at St. James' Cathedral,



Chicago, from Palm Sunday procession to Easter dismissal. Pictures include not just services but usually unseen preparations, and

private devotional moments. Many are quite powerful.

From "Good Friday":

Forgive us/ for we don't/ we really don't/ know what we do... The light has gone out/The way is darkness/ With a quick prayer, we are gone out, too.

"Pastoral notes on the Liturgies" explain planning, supplies, participants; a "how-to" and "*why*-to" celebrate these services.

THE BEAUTIFUL HERITAGE: A History of the Diocese of Iowa, 1853-2003. By Loren N. Horton. Diocese of Iowa. Pp. 150. \$30, \$15 paper. (www.iowaepiscopal.org)

Part of the diocese's 150th anniversary celebration. The book begins with "English Antecedents and American Adjustments," and proceeds with a chap-



ter devoted to each of the bishops of Iowa, from Jackson Kemper of the



Northwest, through "The Future, with Bishop Alan Scarfe." A scholarly work with 13 pages of notes, black-andwhite pictures of the oldest Episcopal church in Iowa and, on the final page, two fascinatingly ornate buildings, Bishop Lee Seminary for Young Ladies, and St. Katherine's Hall.

SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH IN THE WILDER-NESS. By Robert Irving Woodward. Prairie Publishers. (303-329-0415). Pp. 244. \$35. ISBN 0-938075-82-9.

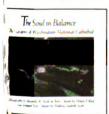


This "life story of a great institution" has intriguing endpapers. They feature a sort of triple time line, of the Cathedral of Saint John, the Diocese of Colorado,

and Current Events. In 1914, we have the Last Judgment window, the diocese reorganized, and the beginning of World War I. Following are a glossary, lists of clergy, canons of the bishop and the chapter, vestries from 1860 through the 2000 annual meeting, and both \cdot name and subject indices. Between these, in story and photographs, the cathedral's life story, on lovely creamy paper.

THE SOUL IN BALANCE: The Gardens of Washington National Cathedral. Photographs by Alexandra K. Scott; texts chosen by Heddy F. Reid and Frederica Isabelle Scott. EPM Publications. Pp. 95. \$21.95 paper. ISBN 1-889324-11-6.

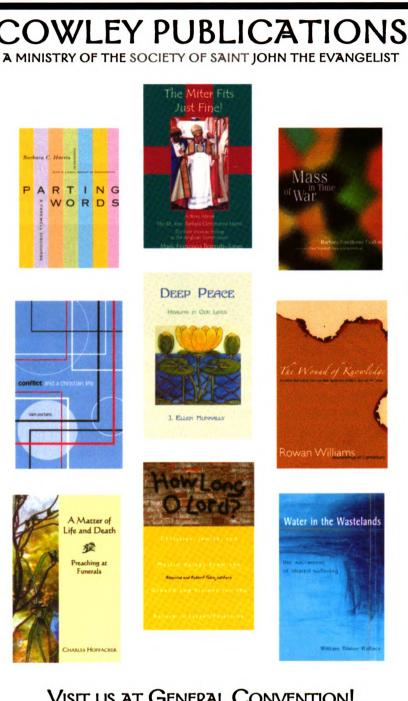
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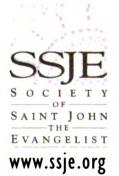
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benches, from the gorgeous grandiflora Rosa Lagerfeld on page 42 to the glowing Herb Cottage window behind snow-capped branches, on page 90 and the back cover,

and the whimsical column capital on page 11. And I know it's a Lagerfeld, and a Magnolia stellata, and a weeping cherry (Prunus subhirtella Pendula) because of the botanical notes included at the end of the book. Quotations are drawn from the New Testament and such varied sources as William Blake, Henri Nouwen, Dag Hammarskjöld, and G. K. Chesterton: The world will never starve for want



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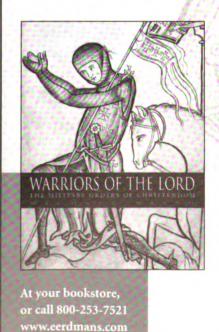
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of the Transfiguration. The text and especially the pictures are a paean to the delights of the North Carolina camp and conference center.

LAMBETH PALACE: A History of the Archbishops of Canterbury and their Houses. By Tim Tatton-Brown. SPCK. Pp. 116. £17.50. ISBN 0-281-05347-2.

For the last 900 years, any person who achieved the right to sign his name "+ Cantuar" has the privilege of residing in Lambeth Palace, across the River Thames from Westminster, in the heart of one of the largest and

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It will be interesting to see what alterations +Rowan Cantuar institutes to both.

WHEN DID I SEE YOU HUNGRY? Photographed and written by Gerard Thomas Straub. St. Anthony Messenger Press. Pp. 274. \$29.95. ISBN 0-86716-502-2.

This is not pretty. It is shocking, horrifying and shaming. The author/photographer was changed from an atheist who "chased after Brother Porsche" to "a sinner struggling with my own human frailty, my own spiritual poverty" by St. Francis of Assisi and the saint's devotion to the poor of his own time. Mr. Straub entered "the bloated belly of poverty," living in and recording horrendous

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slums in North America, India, Italy and Africa.

The pictures are grim, even though, amazingly, many of the subjects, like the woman in Brazil who has lost her hands to leprosy, smile at the camera. Many of the author's discoveries are terrible indictments of us all: The poor in developing countries spend half of their income on food. The seduction of possessions blinds us to the needs of the poor. While the prosperous around the world are sipping bottled spring water, nearly 2 million people living in poverty are forced to drink and bathe in water contaminated with deadly parasites and pathogens.

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Evelyn Underhill Essential Writings

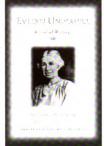
Selected and introduced by Emilie Griffin. Modern Spiritual Masters Series. Orbis Books. Pp. 122. \$15. ISBN 1-57075-471-3

Evelyn Underhill was an apostle of the interior life at a time when the church needed it most. Today there are many books on prayer and the life of grace, but in the first half of the

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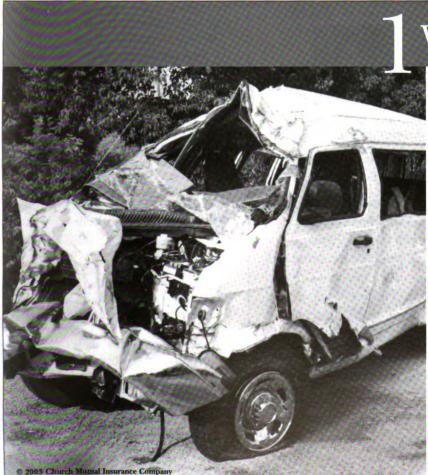
Underhill was a prolific writer, and an inevitable pioneer for women's influence in all the churches. Griffin has selected excerpts from retreat addresses, radio broadcasts, and letters of spiritual direction. She has also



included selections from Underhill's scholarly works, both still considered hallmarks: *Mysticism* published when she was 36, and *Worship* published near the end of her life.

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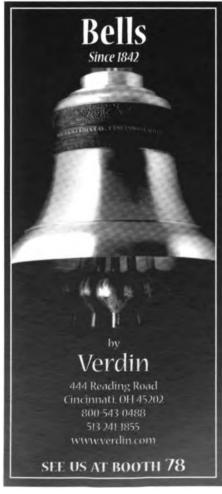


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of the Church

By John J. Markey, O.P. New City Press. Pp. 191. \$16.95. ISBN 1-56548-179-8.

Dominican theologian John Markey presents a close introductory reading of the major documents of the Second Vatican Council in *Creating Communion: The Theology of the Constitutions of the Church.* He begins with an overview of Roman Catholic ecclesiology from Trent and the counter-reformation until Vatican II. Drawing on the work of Yves Congar, he notes a gradual growth in the importance of the laity just before the council, and a warming to relations with other Christian communions.

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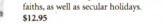
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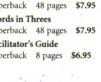
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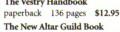
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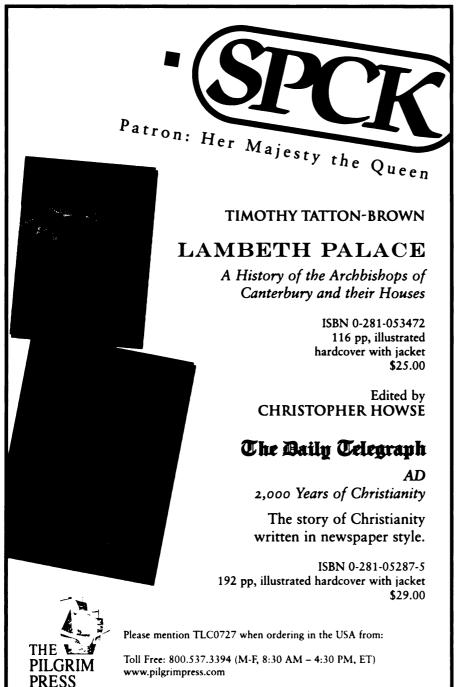




Many Authors to Greet

General Convention will be a wonderful time to meet favorite authors. discover new ones, purchase books and have them signed. Church Publishing, Inc., sponsors a launch party across the skywalk at the Millennium Hotel for the Spiritual Responses to 9/11 project. It encompasses three entities. The book

Will the Dust Praise You?, by R. William Franklin and Mary Sudman Donovan, "chronicles the events of Sept. 11, 2001, and details the many activities and ministries that grew at and near Ground Zero in New York City." The DVD/Video Revelations from Ground Zero, produced by Trinity



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Church, Wall Street, is a 12-segment, two-hour documentary on "the spiritual response and renewal" that followed the cataclysm. The website www.spiritualresponsesto911.org provides further information and study guides to the book and the video. The project was a collaboration by Church Publishing, the Church Pension Fund, the Diocese of New York, and Trinity Church. The New York Historical Society served as historical advisor.

The evening of Aug. 4, Church Publishing Group will be host to the launch of Restoring the Ties that Bind at its hospitality suite. Several authors will sign books at Church Publishing's booth in the exhibit hall, including the Rev. Jennifer Phillips, Prayers for Penitents on Wednesday; the Rev. Donald Schell, My Father, My Daughter Friday; Klara Tammany, Living Water, and the Rev. Sheryl Kujawa-Holbrook, Freedom is a Dream (at the Episcopal Women's Caucus booth) Saturday; the Rev. Harold Lewis, Elijah's Mantle, and Ken Arnold, On the Way, both Sunday afternoon; the Rev. Barbara Crafton, The Almost Daily eMOs and Yes! We'll Gather at the River! Monday; and the Rev. Caroline Fairless, Children at Worship and others, and the Rev. Keith Brown, On the Road Again, Tuesday afternoon.

Afternoons will be lively at the National Book/Resource booth as well. Authors scheduled to appear there are Julia Spenser-Fleming, whose hymntitle mysteries feature the Rev. Clare Fergusson, on Thursday; Jane Vennard, Embracing the World: Praying for Justice and Peace, a new book published by Jossey-Bass, Friday; Skylight Paths' editor Jon Sweeney, The Road to Assisi: The Essential Biography of St. Francis, Saturday; Debra Farrington, Hearing with the Heart, Monday; and Praying with the Celtic Saints, by the Rev. Mary C. Earle and Sylvas Madden, from the Companions for the Journey series, published by St. Mary's Press, Tuesday, Aug. 5.

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Artists to Transform Convention Hall



By Elizabeth Hudgins

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Some of the images to be seen at Convention.

which have been selected from art submitted specifically for this purpose. The projected artistic works will be accompanied by live music, again based on the themes and lectionary, giving deputies a time for prayer and meditation before the worship service begins and setting the mood for worship.

Eliza Linley and Mel Ahlborn, of ECVA's advisory board, selected the works to show and celebrate the diversity of the visual arts being produced in the Episcopal Church.

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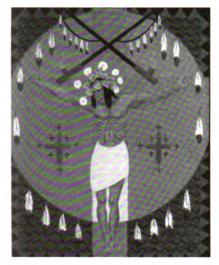
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Among the selected works the deputies will see are painting, photography, manuscript illumination, iconography, fabric, sculpture, collage, and digital arts.



Melanie Twelves, From Native American Stations of the Cross

General Convention will celebrate the ministry of Enmegabowh, the first Native American priest in the church. The visual presentation for that celebration will include art from the Ojibwe community by Kimberly Anderson and other Native American traditions including a Native American Stations of the Cross by Melanie Twelves of Oklahoma and an icon of Enmegabowh by the Rev. Johnson Loud.

Ms. Twelves, a member of the Choctaw community, discovered a spiritual awakening while writing in her journal, where she began to experience images of the Visitation and the Annunciation. A medical technologist and an artist by training, her awakening led her further into her artistic talents as she produced images of Mary, the Stations of the Cross, and other statements of her faith. Much of her work, especially her Marian art, derives its strength from her work in jail and prison ministry, where she discovered hurting women in need of the grace and forgiveness only God could give. The pain Mary must have felt at the death of her Son, Ms. Twelves says, drew her to meditations on Mary and, then, her art work. In terms of her own

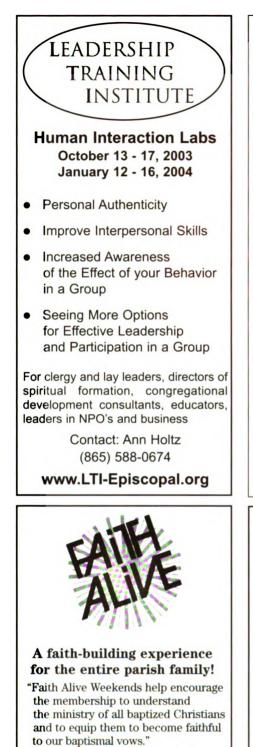
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life in art, she states, "Art has been my spiritual food: a great way God has fed me. Most of my images are embracing and peaceful; God saying, "This is who I am and who you are in me,' reminding me of the kind of God he is."

The icon of Enmegabowh speaks of the priest's place between the two cultures: the white, Christian and the Native American communities. His name, meaning "the one who stands before his people," is shown clearly as he holds in his right hand the fire of his faith and in his left the pipe of peace. Fr. Loud, himself a Native American, presents Enmegabowh with the strength of a man of faith between two worlds, a man who chooses to work within both communities to the glory of God.

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Kathryn Carrington, Triptych

Kathryn Carrington's icons come out of her realization of God's grace and healing after an extended serious illness and the loss of her first husband. She came to believe that she should devote her life to God and sought to discover more spiritual depth in her art as she studied within the Orthodox and Episcopal traditions. Later, she recalls, a friend sent her an icon card for her second wedding. They placed it on the mantle, and over several years she felt drawn to it when she prayed. Slowly she discovered her attitude about icons changing and she eventually studied iconography, finding it a difficult shift from her usual artistic work. Her icons can be found around the world, including the Chapel of Christ the Lord at the Episcopal Church Center in New York City.



Sarabeth Clevenger, The Hope of Glory

From the Rev. Gurdon Brewster's bronze and wood "Welcome Home" cross to the black and white photographs of Anne Wetzel and the giant triptych of Sarabeth Clevenger, the worship at convention will be enhanced by artists who have followed their Christian ministry in the visual arts. Deputies will discover much to encourage their thoughts and prayers as they take part in the live music and experience the works ECVA has selected.

Elizabeth Hudgins is an iconographer and writer living in Fairfax, Va.

Visual



By Patricia Nakamura

Music and visual arts will complement each other to set the tone for daily Eucharists and the main Eucharist at General Convention in Minneapolis on Sunday, Aug. 3. Convention music coordinators Monte Mason and Larry Reynolds and ECVA artists Eliza Linley and Mel Ahlborn wanted to highlight the diverse ethnic, racial, and social backgrounds represented within the church.

The Eucharist will be celebrated daily at 9:30 a.m. The first, on Wednesday, July 30, will be accompanied by organ, brass, and choir from St. Mark's Cathedral, Minneapolis. All services will have available both an Allen digital organ and a grand piano rented for Convention. The Lutheran ensemble Cross Culture will perform Scandinavian, Caribbean, and Latino music on Thursday. Friday will be a quiet morning of prayer, and a "split Eucharist" with quiet-day activities following the passing of the peace, until noon. Music will be provided by the Diocese of Minnesota's Gregorian Singers. On Saturday, renewal music will be offered by musicians from St, Stephen's Church, Edina, and Messiah, St. Paul.

The second week will have the choirs of Ascension, St. Paul's, the Youth Choir of Ascension, Stillwater, and the gospel choir of the United Deliverance Temple at the Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday services. On the closing day, Friday, Aug. 8, the Bishops' Choir, conducted by the Rt. Rev. Catherine Roskam, Bishop Suffragan of New York, will lead the congregation.

On Aug. 5, convention will be host to a "National Celebration of the Feast of Enmegahbowh. That feast, a part of the Church's *Lesser Feasts and Fasts* Calendar, was initially approved by the 73rd General Convention in 2000. A second and final vote, as required by canons, will occur at the 74th General Convention, 'right in his own diocese'," Minnesota's website proclaims. The Rt. Rev. James Jelinek, Bishop of Minnesota, will be the celebrant for the service. The Bishop of Alaska, the Rt. Rev. Mark



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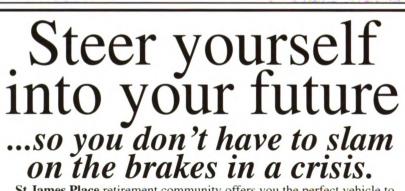
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McDonald, will preach. Native American drumming and music will honor the first Indian Episcopal priest.

The big Sunday Eucharist will have "a cast of thousands." Mr. Mason, music director of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields. Minnetonka Beach, will lead a combined choir comprised of diocesan parish choirs and guest singers, a handbell choir and a brass band. The prelude begins at 9:10, followed by a bell procession. Music includes Ralph Vaughan Williams' Festival Te Deum, a Gerald Near anthem, My Song shall be alway of the Loving-Kindness of the Lord, and two works by Minnesota composers, A Blessing, by the former canon musician of St. Mark's Cathedral. Howard Don Small, and a work commissioned for convention, the a capella Offertory, by Monte Mason.

The Presiding Bishop, the Most **Rev**. Frank T. Griswold, will celebrate **the** Eucharist; the Bishop of Kaduna, Nigeria, the Rt. Rev. Josiah Idowu-Fea**ron**, will preach.

And the glory of this service will be, as always, 10,000 Episcopalians singing the hymns. This year's are "O blessed spring," from *Wonder*, *Love*, *and Praise*; "There's a wideness in God's mercy," 469/470 in *The Hymnal* 1982; "Tu has venido," from *El Himnario*; "I am the bread of life," #335; and #690, "Guide me, O thou great of Jehovah."

Three events highlighting music publication will occur under the sponsorship of Church Publishing, Inc. On Friday evening, at Gethsemane Church, a few blocks from the convention center, everyone can sing through selections from the new hymn books, Voices Found: Women in the Church's Song, collected and edited by Lisa Thomas, and Enriching Our Music: Canticles and Settings for the Eucharist. Sunday evening at Gethsemane, "Horace Boyer & Friends" will present a concert in honor of the 10th anniversary of Lift Every Voice and Sing II. On Wednesday, Aug. 6, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Monte Mason and Larry Reynolds will introduce their Great Paschal Vespers, including solemn and simplified chants, and hymns and service music suggestions from four hymnals.

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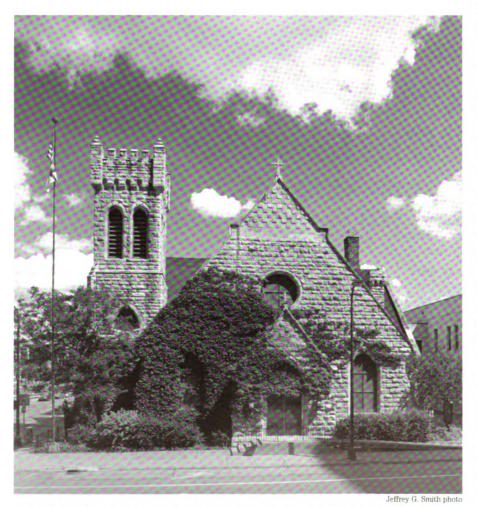
Divisive issue once again marks General Convention in the city.

The 74th General Convention of the Episcopal Church, which runs July 30-Aug. 8 at the Minneapolis Convention Center, has the potential to be as significant as the last time the triennial event was held in the Minnesota city. The 65th General Convention, held in 1976, dealt with two major divisive issues — ordination of women to the priesthood and the episcopate, and prayer book revision.

This convention is challenged by an equally discordant issue — whether the church should extend a blessing to committed same-sex couples. Deputies and bishops from the church's 100 domestic dioceses and 10 other jurisdictions outside the United States will vote on whether the Episcopal Church should become the first of the 38 provinces of the Anglican Communion to approve such blessings.

The gathering of nearly 900 deputies and more than 150 bishops will mark the third time General Convention has met in Minneapolis. The first was in 1895, when the 38th convention met west of the Mississippi River for the first time.

"Engaging God's Mission" is the theme of this convention. Organizers



Gethsemane Church in Minneapolis was the primary venue for the 1895 General Convention.

determined that this theme can be carried out through receiving, repenting, reconciling and restoring. Much of this will be done outside the legislative sessions, during daily Bible study and the Eucharist, and in a variety of conversations to be held on the evening of the first day of convention.

Adoption Is Expected

The resolution on same-sex blessings to come before this convention originated in the Diocese of California. Following a narrow defeat of a similar resolution at the 73rd convention, in Denver three years ago, this one is expected to be adopted. It calls for the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to prepare a rite to bless "couples living in life-long committed relationships of mutuality and fidelity outside the relationship of marriage." If the resolution is adopted, the standing commission is to present a proposed rite to the 75th General Convention in 2006 for its approval. It would be included in The Book of Occasional Services.

A coalition known as Claiming the Blessing, comprised of three advocacy groups, including Integrity, has led the effort to get the legislation adopted. Such traditionalist organizations as the American Anglican Council and Forward in Faith North America have led the opposition. Several dioceses in addition to California adopted similar resolutions, and other dioceses have gone on record as opposing same-sex blessings.

It will be particularly interesting to see how the resolution is decided in the House of Bishops. In March, the Theology Committee of the House of Bishops presented a report which recommended that the church not take legislative action on the matter, noting that Episcopalians are deeply divided on this issue.

In a related matter, this convention

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also will deal with whether to consent to the consecration of the Rev. Canon V. Gene Robinson, canon to the ordinary in the Diocese of New Hampshire, who was elected bishop coadju-

Canon Robinson

tor by that diocese [TLC, June 29]. If consents are received, Canon Robinson would become the first bishop to

Among other major issues is the 20/20 plan, in which the church is to double its attendance by 2020.

be elected while in a committed homosexual relationship.

Because New Hampshire and nine other dioceses held episcopal elections within 120 days of General Convention, the two houses of convention need to consent to the consecrations. Under normal circumstances, diocesan standing committees must give consents. A list of those bishops-elect is found on page 41.

There are other major issues that have nothing to do with sexuality. One is the 20/20 plan, in which the church is to double its attendance by 2020. It is presented by a task force appointed at the 2000 convention.

Significant attention will be given to resolutions proposed by the Standing Commission on Ministry Development which would revise the Title III canons. Most controversial of those is one which would enable first a person to become a priest without becoming a deacon. Under the current canons, those who believe they are called to priesthood spend at least six months to a year as deacons before being ordained priest.

There will be about 200 resolutions to deal with, including additions to the church calendar, greater use of the Revised Common Lectionary, health and biotechnical issues, war and peace matters, and legislation concerning

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Canon John Withdraws His Name in England

Citing the potential damage his consecration might cause to the unity of the Anglican Communion, the Rev. Canon Jeffrey John ended weeks of increasingly polarized international debate about the appointment of the first openly gay bishop within the Church of England by petitioning Queen Elizabeth II to withdraw his nomination as Bishop Suffragan of Reading on July 6.

In responding to Canon John, the Most Rev. Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury, said the situation had no obvious parallel. He said Christians who colluded in hateful comments or actions against homosexual persons were not living into their Christian calling. On the other hand, he said there was an "obvious problem in the consecration of a bishop whose ministry will

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Resolved, the House of concurring, That desiring to support all couples living in life-long committed relationships of mutuality and fidelity outside the relationship of marriage, which mediate the grace of God, the 74th General Convention directs the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to prepare for consideration by the 75th General Convention rites for inclusion in The Book of Occasional Services by means of which the Church may express that support; and be it further

Resolved, That the guidelines for the use of such a rite be included in rubrics for the rite and stress the necessity of pastoral support, discernment and preparation. not be readily received by a significant proportion of Christians in England and elsewhere." The incident he said had brought the entire Communion into "a time of open and painful confrontation, in which some of our bonds of mutual trust have been severely strained."

Archbishop Williams concluded by calling on all Anglicans to seek appropriate opportunities to reflect honestly and carefully on what has happened.

In a joint statement released after the announcement by Canon John, the bishops of Pittsburgh and South Carolina said the Episcopal Church should prayerfully consider the theological consequences that might ensue if General Convention were to confirm a non-celibate homosexual person as a bishop before the Anglican Communion has come to consensus about changing its historical teaching on human sexuality and relationships.

"If the General Convention votes to approve Bishop-elect [V. Gene] Robinson [as Bishop Coadjutor of New Hampshire] the convention will vote to do something the Episcopal Church has never agreed to do," said the Rt. Rev. Robert W. Duncan, Bishop of Pittsburgh and the Rt. Rev. Edward L. Salmon, Jr., Bishop of South Carolina. "Such a result would not only be wrong theologically, but decided dysfunctionally. The consequences for the Episcopal Church's common life will be devastating."

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children. The Standing Commission on Mission and Evangelism has proposed 26 resolutions. Various resolutions to add to the diversity of the church will be considered, and the church's budget for the next triennium, more than \$146 million, will be presented.

"This proposed budget draft has built-in conservative projections of income, yet continues to strategize for mission and ministry based on priorities," said the Very Rev. George L. Werner, of Pittsburgh, president of the House of Deputies.

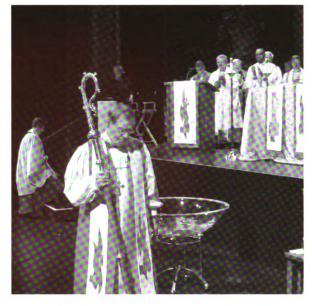
General Convention is a bi-cameral legislative body, meaning both houses must pass a piece of legislation in order for it to be adopted. The House of Deputies has at least two and no more than four deputies from each diocese in each order, clergy and lay. The House of Bishops is comprised of diocesan, suffragan, assistant and retired bishops. The Most Rev. Frank T. Griswold, Presiding Bishop, will preside at most of the sessions of the House of Bishops, and Dean Werner usually will preside in the House of Deputies.

As usual, there will be elections, with deputies and bishops voting on the membership of such bodies as the Executive Council, Trustees of the Church Pension Fund, and Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.

Triennial, the national gathering of Episcopal Church Women (ECW), will be held concurrently in the same facility [TLC, July 20]. In addition, there will be sessions for children and young adults.

Deputies, bishops, visitors and volunteers will participate in Bible study each morning, with the Eucharist following. The principal service will be the one Sunday morning, Aug. 3, in the convention hall. A large exhibit hall is part of convention, offering products, services, and churchrelated information.

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Texas Installation

The Rt. Rev. Don A. Wimberly pauses moments after receiving the crosier, symbolizing the transfer of episcopal authority, during his installation as Bishop of Texas on June 28 at the Hobby Center for the Performing Arts in Houston.

Thomas Blanton photo

Early Votes Anticipated on Controversial Issues

Although the complete General Convention calendar consists of 10 days, it is expected all of the issues likely to be controversial will be decided between Aug. 1 and 4. The accelerated legislative schedule begins the evening of Aug. 1 with a hearing on a resolution to develop a liturgy for same-sex blessings to be included in The Book of Occasional Services. The intense period of legislative activity will likely close by Aug. 4 or 5 at the latest when the House of Bishops begins confirmation hearings for the Rev. Canon V. Gene Robinson, a non-celibate homosexual person who was elected Bishop Coadjutor of New Hampshire last month.

"Friday was the first day where we thought everyone would be able to attend," said the Very Rev. George L. Werner, president of the House of Deputies. "It usually takes a couple of days at convention for everyone to get up to speed, even the veterans."

Dean Werner said the first few days of convention usually involve a lot of mandatory committee work and this would likely prevent those with a committee assignment from participating in the debates which typically precede the introduction of significant legislation. The decision to schedule the deputies' confirmation hearings on bishop-elect Robinson for Aug. 2 was largely one of chance, according to Dean Werner. General Convention will be asked to consent to the consecrations of 10 new bishops and Dean Werner said convention organizers decided long ago to schedule the confirmation hearings in the order in which the elections occurred. This means debate over bishop-elect Robinson will be seventh.

Dean Werner said he has been making wrong predictions about General Convention for more than 33 years and has therefore decided not to issue any prognostications this year except to say that everyone involved in the planning has worked hard to make the process as fair as possible.

"We have a system," he said. "It's not perfect, but I prefer it to anything else. We are going to follow the rules and be as fair as we can. That's all we can really do."

Minnesota's Two Cathedrals

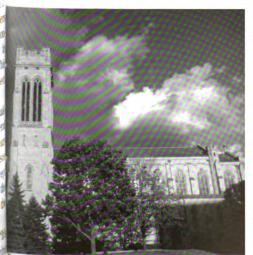
Deputies and visitors to the 74th General Convention in Minneapolis and Triennial delegates who intend to visit the cathedral of the Diocese of Minnesota will have to plan on a side trip. Minnesota is unusual in that it has two cathedrals – one of a very few dioceses to make that claim.

St. Mark's Cathedral, Minneapolis, is the seat of the Bishop of Minnesota, the Rt. Rev. James L. Jelinek. But students of Episcopal history may find the other cathedral to be of more interest. The Cathedral of Our Merciful Saviour, Faribault, located about a half hour south of the Twin Cities, was the first in the Episcopal Church to be built as a cathedral, with construction having begun in 1862.

Bishop Henry B. Whipple of Minnesota laid the cornerstone, and the plain Gothic

limestone edifice was not completed until 1869. Bishop Whipple's successor, the Rt. Rev. Samuel C. Edsall, moved his headquarters to Minneapolis in 1902 but the cathedral remained in Faribault. In 1941, diocesan convention determined that St. Mark's should be the cathedral. The chapter of St. Mark's issued a statement which called the Faribault cathedral a "historic and spiritual shrine" and made clear that it was to retain its cathedral status.

The original cathedral idea included having academic institutions located nearby. Shattuck-St. Mary's School still operates, but Seabury Theological Seminary eventually merged with Western Seminary of Chicago and became Seabury-Western, now located in Evanston, Ill.



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A large perpendicular Gothic tower is the landmark of the Faribault cathedral. It was completed in 1902 and dedicated in memory of Bishop Whipple.

Today Our Merciful Saviour has a congregation of more than 200 members. The Very Rev. James Zotalis is the dean.

St. Mark's existed for 83 years before it was designated a cathedral by Bishop Frank A. McElwain. The present Gothic building was constructed in 1910 and is the largest Episcopal church in Minnesota. It was the site of the first World Congress of the Anglican Communion in 1954. A seal in the floor of the crossing commemorates the event.

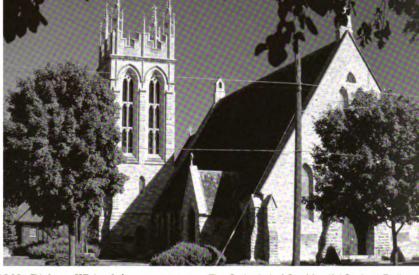
The edifice has a number of noteworthy carvings, including 26 bosses around the

main entrance that depict scenes and symbols of the life and history of Minnesota. Among the figures: grain elevators, teepees and gophers.

St. Mark's has a lively congregation with more about 1,400 active members. The dean is the Very Rev. Spenser Simrill.

The Cathedral of Our Merciful Saviour, Faribault

St. Mark's is the seat of the Bishop of Minnesota. Our Merciful Saviour was the first Episcopal church built as a cathedral.



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Anything Else Happening in Minneapolis?

The Minneapolis Convention Center is right downtown, between highways 35W and 394, and 94 and 36. The area is also between the Mississippi River and the Chain of Lakes. Trolleys tour both historic downtown and the lakes; riverboats cruise at noon and 2 p.m. daily from Boom Island Park. Take a skywalk from the convention hall to nearby hotels and Nicollet Mall. Who needs the Mall of America when Neiman Marcus is within strolling distance?

Those who prefer to walk outdoors have the St. Anthony Falls Heritage Trail along the historic riverfront and across the Stone Arch Bridge to Hennepin Bluffs Park. Farther south, across the Washington Avenue Bridge on East River Road, there's the eye-popping Frank Gehry stainless-steel Frederick R. Weisman Art Museum, with 16,000 art works, not counting the building itself.

The Minnesota Orchestra offers its Sommerfest, conducted by Andrew Litton, at Orchestra Hall at 11th Street and Nicollet Mall. "Sommerfest 2003, July 11-Aug. 2, will introduce a new look on Peavey Plaza, updating the popular outdoor venue with an intimate garden theme," the orchestra's website explains. "Outdoor food and music will be offered in conjunction with all concerts, 5:45 to 7:45 p.m. before evening concerts; 10:30 p.m. to midnight on Friday and Saturday evenings; 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. following coffee concerts; and prior to Sunday concerts from 5 to 6:45 p.m."

Close to the Cathedral of St. Mark is the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden, one of "the largest urban sculpture gardens in the nation," and the home of the signature "Spoonbridge and Cherry" [see TLC's back cover, June 22]. The adjacent Walker Art Center mounts two exhibits, "Strangely Familiar: Design and Everyday Life," and "The Squared Circle: Boxing in Contemporary Life."

The next-door, world-famous, Guthrie Theater runs a performance of "Pride and Prejudice" from July 26 through Aug. 30.

And yes, there is baseball. On July 29-31 the Minnesota Twins play the Baltimore Orioles, and Aug. 1-3, the Twins meet the Detroit Tigers at the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome.

Patricia Nakamura

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He's Been Liberated

Recently released after spending most of his adult life in prison. writer Bo Don Cox talks about faith, freedom, and his ambitions for the future.

Married in 1997, Deborah and Bo Don Cox are now together after his June 12 release from prison.

By Steve Waring

The first time 39-year-old Bo Don Cox walked inside a Wal-Mart retail store in rural Oklahoma, he nearly fell victim to a panic attack. The same thing happened again a few days later when he went to renew his driver license.

"I don't have any tattoos or anything," he explained in a recent telephone interview. "I don't look like I've been a prisoner, but I have to keep reminding myself that not every stranger who stares back at me sees 'inmate' written across my forehead."

Make that ex-inmate. Readers of the Forward Movement Publications' devotional tract "Forward Day by Day" will recognize Mr. Cox as the author of several daily meditation collections. He has also written God is Not in the Thesaurus: Stories from an Oklahoma Prison (Forward Movement Publications, 1999). Mr. Cox was released suddenly and unexpectedly June 12 by Oklahoma Gov. Brad Henry.

In 1986, after a 24-hour bout of

became involved in an hours-long fight that ended when he struck 17-year-old Bart Ennis one time in the head with a baseball bat. Mr. Cox, who maintains that he meant to hurt Mr. Ennis but not to kill him, was convicted of firstdegree murder and sentenced to life in prison. Whenever he talks about his past, Mr. Cox said he tries to bring up the name of his victim because he believes it is important to remember the human being whose youthful life he ended.

"I don't walk around being overly heavy drinking, Mr. Cox, then 22 morose," he said, "but it is a heavy burden in my life. A lot of what I do is an effort to heal some of that pain. I know that in many ways it is un-repairable, like I ripped a big hole in the universe. Maybe I can make that hole a little smaller. I feel forgiven by God. 1 know I'm forgiven, but at the same time I know there is a family that has not forgiven me."

Mr. Cox and his younger brother, Crockett, were both baptized and actively nurtured in their youth at an Episcopal church. He describes his early home life as middle class suburban, and said his life began a downward spiral in adolescence, when his parents' marriage began to dissolve. He confesses that for the next 12 years, including the first four of his prison sentence, he never willingly drew a "sober breath."

After he successfully completed drug rehabilitation and found God, Mr. Cox began attending an Episcopal Church service and writing for the prison magazine, Concepts. He won a prestigious journalism award and eventually his father persuaded Mr. Cox to write Forward Movement and ask if someone would be interested in seeing some of his writing samples. Steeling himself for rejection, Mr. Cox said he was stunned when he was invited to write the November 1995 meditations. The booklet daily received lavish praise from readers.

The association with the publishing company only got better for Mr. Cox when Deborah F. Rogers, an Episcopal church secretary in Kentucky, saw his photograph in a Forward Movement book catalogue. The two began a regular correspondence and were married in 1997.

One of the things prison teaches, according to Mr. Cox, is not to get too specific with plans. Despite living an exemplary life in prison for nearly 10 years, he was turned down for parole in 1992 and again in 2001.

"You make plans because you never want to give up hope," he explained. "On the other hand, you never want to make your plans too specific because



you never know when that day will be. Release was always far enough away that it didn't resemble the present."

Being denied parole was in some ways liberating, according to Mr. Cox. In a recent interview with The Norman Transcript, he said when he accepted the possibility that he might not ever be freed, his relationship with God became much more mature and spiritually satisfying.

"The lesson is that God quit being defined by whether I was in prison or out," he said. "When I realized that I might be in prison for the rest of my life and my faith wasn't contingent on what God could do for me, then this God began to take on meaning. The paradox is that when I accepted that it may not happen is when it did."

When freedom did come, it came abruptly. Last March his sentence was commuted from life to 10 years. Then on June 11 he was told that the governor had signed early release papers for him. Debrorah was already planning a visit to the penitentiary the next day. Given the suddenness with which it finally happened, both said they expected that finally living together as husband and wife would require significant adjustments. It's been nearly a month since his release and so far life is good.

"A lot of people start off with a physical relationship and then they learn how to talk to each other," Mr. Cox said. "We feel really comfortable with each other. I feel like I've been living with her all my life."

As the newness of his freedom has begun to fade, Mr. Cox said he feels increasingly less self-conscious in public. He is learning, in some cases for the first time, from social faux pas like voluntarily explaining to the motor vehicle clerk that he hadn't renewed his driver license for 17 years because he had been in prison all that time.

"I don't know if I was always so outspoken, or if that's come on as I've matured," he said when asked about his apparent lack of ego. "You have to understand that I really don't know what it was like to be a sober young adult. I pretty much took my last sober breath when I was 14."

Mr. Cox also has a well-thoughtout career plan which began immediately upon release with an assortment of yard work and housepainting jobs. In the fall, he hopes to enroll in college and has a job at a hardware store lined up. His plans are a little more vague beyond graduation. He said he would like to continue writing, and he has a standing offer of an internship from the director of the psychology unit at a children's hospital in Boston. The director first became acquainted with Mr. Cox through his writing for Forward Movement. For now, he is mostly content to savor his freedom.

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"It's been completely overwhelming," he told the *Transcript*. "There have been times when the simplest things have caused me to have a panic attack. But I've gotten more help than anybody I've known in my life. I don't see how anybody can get out of prison without help and make it. It makes me so aware of what an unfilled need there is to help people who are returning to society and how hard it is."

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This Time It's Different

Depending on your theological perspective, the 74th General Convention, soon to open in Minneapolis for a 10-day run, is either the most anticipated gathering of Episcopalians in many years, or a dreaded final chapter to a long struggle.

This is the convention that is supposed to settle once and for all the long-simmering issue of whether the church ought to offer a blessing to committed same-sex homosexual couples. But isn't that what people were saying in 2000 when Denver was the battleground? And isn't that what many Episcopalians figured would happen in 1997 in Philadelphia. Yes, and yes. But this time it seems different. The willingness to discuss, to compromise, and to be irenic seems to have disappeared. Instead there's a strong coalition of organizations and individuals in favor of the resolution who are tired of talking and are determined that finally the **The willingness to discuss**

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church speak its mind in the form of a resolution. In opposition is a feisty, outnumbered force whose members seem equally resolute that we finally settle once for all, unbelievably, through legislation, what the church is going to do about same-sex blessings, even if they aren't going to like the result.

Looking on is a sizable contingent of uncommitted church leaders who wonder what the fuss is all about. Some of them simply want to get the matter over and done with and to move on and be about the business of proclaiming the gospel. That's not going to be easy to do, for matters have become far more complicated. Now the convention has the topic of the election of the bishop coadjutor of New Hampshire to address, and temporarily the issue of samesex blessings has been moved aside. Representatives of the secular media will make sure the

American public hears plenty about Canon V. Gene Robinson, the bishop-elect in New Hampshire [TLC, June 29], for whom consents will be needed by both houses of convention before his consecration can take place. He is one of 10

bishops-elect going through that process. The

other nine will be introduced in both houses and will be welcomed politely, but the hurrahs and the media circus will be saved for Canon Robinson, despite the pleas of the Presiding Bishop.

If the reports we hear are correct, the issue of same-sex blessings will be dealt with before the matter of consents for Canon Robinson. That, of course, is the proper way to handle the legislation, for if it were done in reverse, the same-sex vote would be a moot point.

So what's going to happen? It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that there are enough members of the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies to consent to the consecration of Canon Robinson. By a closer vote the deputies and bishops will adopt a

resolution that directs the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to prepare for study and consideration by the 75th General Convention, in 2006 in Ohio, Columbus, rites for the blessing of same-sex couples that would be included in The Book of Occasional Services.

Then what? I'm already on

record with this opinion so I can't change my mind now. I do not think reconciliation between the two sides is possible. By trying to solve this problem with legislation, we're forcing the issue. Neither side is going to back down and minds won't be changed. I continue to believe that some sort of separation is going to take place, although it probably won't occur immediately after General Convention. There will be scattered defections of congregations, groups and individuals, but look for something more organized following the 2006 convention.

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I wish I had a more optimistic opinion to share. I wish I could tell you that sanity will reign, and that this little church of ours will wait to take such a drastic step until the Anglican Communion or better yet, Catholic Christianity, are in agreement. But we know that's not going to happen now, so all we can do is stand back and realize it's God's church, **not ours**.

David Kalvelage, executive editor

Did You Know ...

The Rev. Canon Leslie E. Wilson, 97, of Belleville, III., celebrated the 70th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood May 25 at St. George's Church, Belleville.

Quote of the Week

The Very Rev. Colin Slee, dean of Southwark Cathedral (England), on the opposition that forced cathedral Canon Jeffrey John to withdraw from his appointment as Bishop of Reading: "The people talk about empty churches. Empty churches may well be empty because of the image that we are presenting of narrowness and bigotry and prejudice."

It seems to us the standing commission has made matters more complicated than necessary.

Proposals Too Complex

Among the more complicated matters to go before General Convention in Minneapolis are the proposed revisions to the Title III canons. Proposed by the Standing Commission on Ministry Development, the revisions are significant in a number of areas. The possibility of ordaining candidates directly to the priesthood, thus bypassing the diaconate, has been raised elsewhere [TLC, July 6], but the commission has made other recommendations that represent noteworthy change.

Keeping in mind that the process leading to ordination differs from one diocese to another, commission members discerned there are "too many hoops" for candidates in the current path to ordination, and that young and minority aspirants may become discouraged by that process. To address this, the resolution proposes that the church expand the existing non-discrimination provisions in Title III, stating that "no person shall be denied the exercise of any ministry, lay or ordained, in this Church because of race, color, ethnic origin, national origin, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, disabilities, or age, except as otherwise provided by these canons." That would seem to admit severely retarded or disabled persons or those whose lifestyle might be indecent or immoral. "Too many hoops" may not be a bad thing, especially if responsible persons along the track toward ordination continue to have the right to reject unsuitable candidates.

The revised canons also would clarify the importance of discernment for all the baptized and the responsibilities of dioceses, congregations and others to provide support for discernment, streamline the ordination process, and clarify the roles of bishops, commissions on ministry, standing committees, congregations and others. The resolution contains other provisions.

It seems to us as though the standing commission has made matters more complicated than necessary. It would appear that commissions on ministry would take on additional responsibilities if this resolution is adopted. The role of standing committees does not seem to be clarified but may be more muddled.

This publication has always been an advocate for lay persons assuming their rightful roles in ministry. Anne Rowthorn makes a similar point in this week's Reader's Viewpoint article [p. 29]. However, the proposed revision to the Title III canons, which purports to support lay ministry, only makes it difficult to determine the difference between the ministries of laity and clergy. The proposed revisions have gone too far.

The Church in Action

The 74th General Convention of the Episcopal Church, which opens this week in Minneapolis, is a time of great opportunity. For some of the participants and visitors, it is a time to take part in common daily worship and Bible study — a rarity for many convention-goers "back home." It is an opportunity to meet persons from all over this nation, and beyond, who share the same faith. General Convention presents an opportunity to see the church in action at its highest level: its legislative sessions at which decisions will be made that will affect the church for years to come. It is an opportunity for Episcopalians to wander through the massive exhibit hall and to pick up gifts for family members or friends back home.

For THE LIVING CHURCH staff who will be present in Minneapolis, this convention affords us an opportunity to visit with subscribers and friends. We invite all who will be at convention to stop by the TLC booth (No. 95) to say hello to the editor and other staff members. In celebration of our 125th anniversary, we will have a special subscription offer available only to those who attend convention. We hope many will take advantage of this opportunity.

READER'S VIEWPOINT

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Another Layer of Hierarchy

The emphasis on the diaconate has weakened lay ministry.

By Anne Rowthorn

The dioceses of Northern Michigan and Lexington have done more than most in the Episcopal Church to support and affirm the ministry of the laity in the world. Thus I am surprised that their bishops have used their energies so vigorously to justify the diaconate in our church and to examine whether or not the church should embrace the concept of "direct ordination" [TLC, June 8]. With due respect to Bishops James A. Kelsey and Stacy F. Sauls, I have difficulty with both articles.

In the "Outline of the Faith" in the Book of Common Prayer (p. 855), the ministry of the laity is defined first, before that of bishops, priests and deacons. My hunch is, however, that the decline in the church's attention to this primary ministry of the laity in society is directly proportional to the revival of the order of the diaconate. In 1982, the Report of the Council of the Development of Ministry, titled "Towards a Theology of Priesthood," authored by Durstan McDonald and others, stated that "The hegemony of the presbyterate is so strong that it absorbs all the power and focus of ministry into itself, turning the laity into willing clients for ministry rather than ministers of Christ, a priestly people ... The laity are established as second-class citizens, a clergy support group, patients for the ministrations of clergy, and a baptized proletariat beneath the ecclesiastical aristocracy."

Those were the infant days before the newly revived diaconate had been fully established. This statement is far more true now that we have fully established another layer of hierarchy to absorb the focus of ministry. And while the pros and cons of "direct ordination" are debated by church leaders, we are ignoring the critical issue of how the 99 percent of us who are lay members of the church struggle with being faithful in our day-to-day lives.

Bishop Kelsey states that deacons "...remind me of who I am, and how I, too, am called to reveal Christ within me." For me, it is the fullness of the liturgy and the lives and witness of every member of the congregation that reveal the Christ within. Bishop Kelsey writes that "Deacons are sacramental signs, living reminders of that *diaconia* which we all share with Christ and one another ..." This is a frequent statement on the part of clergy and those wishing to become deacons. I have never heard a lay person say this. Most lay persons see deacons as just another layer in the clerical hierarchy.

Bishop Sauls states that "The truth is that the Church's life is in getting the people out of the pews and into the world." How true! But do we laity need the deacon to get us out the door? He writes that "The deacon takes the faithful, now nourished with the body and blood of the Lord, and serves them to the world..." But surely it is the total action of the Eucharist — the taking, blessing, break-

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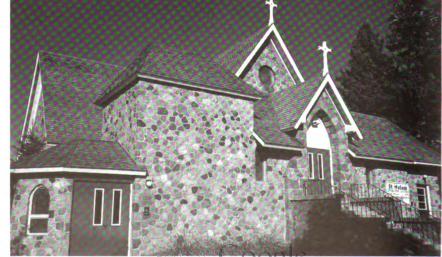
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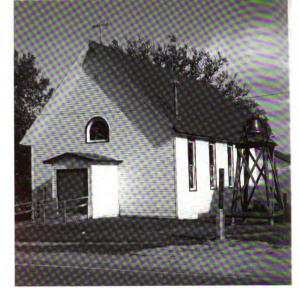
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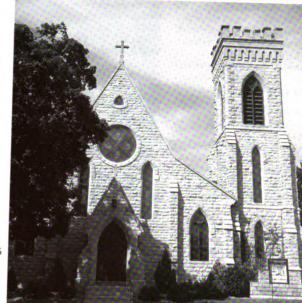
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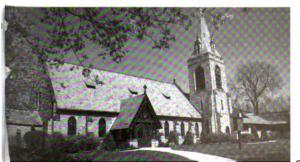
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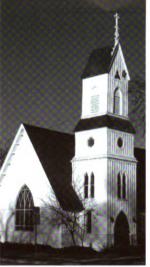
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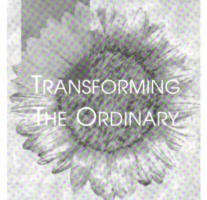
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Florida The Rev. Samuel Johnson Howard

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Milwaukee The Rev. Steven Andrew Miller

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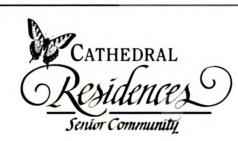
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ing and sharing of the body and blood of Christ — that become symbols of our lives in the world. We bring the

totality of our lives to the Eucharist, and through participation in the four-fold action of the Eucharist, our lives are returned to us, renewed, blessed, broken and made whole so we can then share them generously for the transformation of God's world beyond the walls of the church. The whole of the liturgy does this along with the encouragement and good will of the whole community of faith. It is the complete eucharistic action that impels the laity to go out and live the Eucharist among our brothers and sisters at work, in the community and family, in the political decisions we make, and among the people we encounter day by day. We laity do not need the deacon to "serve them [i.e. us] to the world."

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During Archbishop George Carey's first visit to the U.S. after becoming Archbishop of Canterbury in 1992, he stated the following in a widely broadcast teleconference:

"We have grown up with a 'geocentric' vision that what we do as Christians in church is far more significant to our discipleship than what we do in our daily work as executives, university professors, factory workers, engineers, lawyers. A Copernican vision is required of us to see the center of God's world not in the splendid work of the Church but the equally splendid wilderness of the world — where there are few places for Christians to hide, where moral and ethical signposts are blurred or non-existent."

Isn't it about time that our church leave the issues of the diaconate to the side and move ahead with enhancing, encouraging and empowering the 99 percent of us who are lay?

Anne Rowthorn is the author of The Liberation of the Laity and Earth and All the Stars Through Hynns, Poems, and Prayers from the World's Great Religions and Cultures: Reconnecting with Nature. U.S.POSTAG

Standing for Election a Display of Courage

The coverage of the election of the Rev. Canon V. Gene Robinson as Bishop of New Hampshire and the letters in response to it are depressing.

How many of your readers have any idea how much courage it has taken Canon Robinson to stand for election as a bishop three times?

How many readers have any idea of how many clergy — both women and men — have awakened one morning after having been married for years to realize that they cannot deny their sexual identity any longer? And how many readers realize that these very priests are some of the best the church has?

How many readers would display the courage those clergy have shown in being true to their identities?

How many readers have ever met Canon Robinson? I have. When he led a Lenten clergy retreat on the subject of clergy wellness in the Diocese of Los Angeles in 1997, I found him to be a loving, caring, compassionate person whom God had the good sense to call to holy orders.

> (The Rev.) James Bruce Duncan Williamstown, Mass.

The Presiding Bishop's reassurance and statements concerning the New Hampshire election once again highlight the doubletalk that dominates the Episcopal Church.

What sort of nonsense is he trying to communicate and sell? The issue is

not, necessarily, whether a homosexual man is confirmed as a bishop. People will, or will not, agree with the New Hampshire election. What troubles me, and has for some time, is that he dares to suggest that it will not alter the church's existing teaching on sexuality, and that there is some distinction to be made between such a consecration of "a priest in good standing" and the fact that he is "partnered with a member of the same sex."

Let's be honest. It does change the church's teaching on sexuality, it does break with what was recently communicated in Lambeth, it does call into question what constitutes a "priest in good standing." Any thinking member

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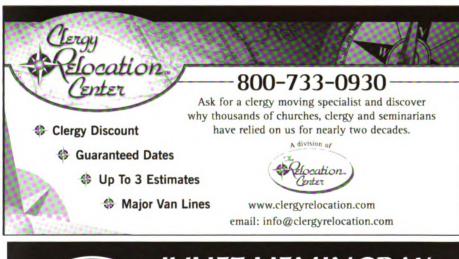
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LETTERS

of the Anglican Communion can see it for what it is — doubletalk!

(The Rev.) Donald P. Richmond Apple Valley, Calif.

When the good folk of New Hampshire came together in June to discern God's will and elect a new bishop, **I** should bet that the majority did not know the meaning of "Illuminism" [TLC, July 6], nor did they consider themselves to have "a personal intellectual or cultural or spiritual superiority not accessible to mankind in general."

They were the duly elected delegates from 49 parishes, large and small, urban and rural, which had called our clergy over the last 35 years, a clergy educated by most of the major divinity schools in this country over the past 50 years. Most of these delegates had met the four candidates personally and all had had the opportunity to read their resumes, sermons and qualifications.

On the second ballot, these New Hampshire Episcopalians did as those in Texas did on the same day [TLC, July 6]: We elected one of our own clergy who has served us well for 28 years.

I did not hear nor have I read anywhere TLC's quote "God has been like a yappy dog nipping at my heels." I did hear the Rev. Canon Gene Robinson say to all the electors when called forward after the results were announced, "I have never been so humbled, so challenged, so supported by God as I have been here today, and by you, my fellow Christians."

I pray that the electors at the General Convention will discern God's will and endorse Gene Robinson as our next bishop.

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James M. Mitchell, Jr. Hanover, N.H.

I disagree with Bishop's Griswold's statement that a vote to confirm the Rev. Canon V. Gene Robinson would not imply that the church has altered its existing teaching on sexuality. What else does he think a vote by elected leaders of the church at a General Convention would imply? The

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Presiding Bishop needs to get out of New York and talk to the people in the pews in the heartland of America. This vote will affect every church in the world, and I am afraid that it will be the end of the Episcopal Church I joined 25 years ago. I am sure I am like many who do not know if they can remain in the church if that consent takes place.

> Jim Warmbrod, Jr. Jackson, Tenn.

In the beginning of my ordained ministry, in the 1950s, the Episcopal Church took literally Jesus' prohibition of remarriage after divorce, or marriage to a divorced person. Do any readers know of communicants in good standing, or clergy, including bishops, who have violated this commandment of the Lord (which is repeated at least four times in the synoptic gospels)? Certainly very few could answer an honest "No" to this question. The Episcopal Church, wisely in my estimation, has taken action to allow that which Jesus prohibited.

Now the General Convention is faced with the decision to use common sense again, and to consent to the consecration of Canon V. Gene Robinson as Bishop of New Hampshire. Some may say in the convention, "Remember the words of St. Paul," or, "Remember the commandment in Leviticus 18," conveniently forgetting the commandments in Leviticus 19:19 against sowing a field with two kinds of seeds, or putting on a garment made of two different materials. But in regard to Canon Robinson's relationship they can't say, "Remember Jesus' words," because there aren't any, except the words Jesus quoted from Leviticus 19:18, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

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May God bless the episcopal ministry of bishop-elect Robinson.

> (The Rev.) John G. Carson Hillsboro, Ohio

The news article about the election of Canon Robinson in New Hampshire contains the sentence "Two weeks ago, the primates of the Communion unanimously refused to permit individual provinces ... to ignore the existing position, which is that all sex outside monogamous, heterosexual marriage is sinful."

The primates have no authority to refuse to permit — or to permit anything in regard to the individual provinces. Their action may express "the mind of the house," but it is binding on no one.

> John F. Sutton Norwalk, Conn.

I used to think I was a moderate, but my church has moved so far to the left that I am now considered the radical right! How can the Presiding

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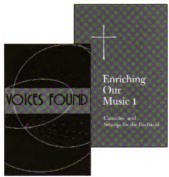


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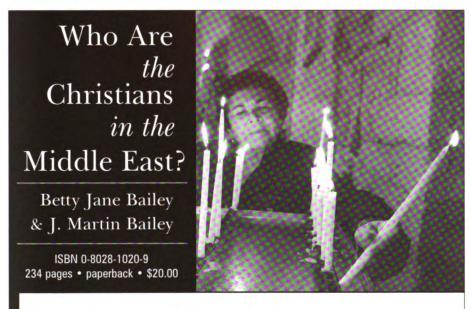
Bishop presume to ask the bishops to not consider the state of one's moral life when voting for someone as a bishop (for the whole church)?

First, I wouldn't consider Canon Robinson a priest in good standing. He is a divorced man living with someone out of marriage (male or female). Wouldn't a vote for such an individual as a bishop certainly assume that the

church has altered its existing teaching on sexuality?

Second, I don't believe that the Episcopal Church any longer has an existing teaching on sexuality. If it has one, it is do as you please, and the Bible or prayer book be hanged.

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Breaking Communion

The editor's column, "Expect Things to Change" [TLC, July 6], rightly gives us a heads-up on possible aftermaths in the Anglican Communion: actions of the Diocese of New Westminster (Canada) to regularize the blessing of same-sex commitments, the probable consent to the consecration of the Rev. Canon V. Gene Robinson as Bishop of New Hampshire betoken changes we will live with one way or another.

The editor also raises the possibility of Anglican primates declaring they are no longer in communion with an offending diocese such as New Hampshire or presumably New Westminster.

I fail to see how this suspending of communion could be achieved. We are in communion with each other as provinces in the Anglican Communion by virtue of being in communion with the See of Canterbury.

My parish is in communion with other parishes in my diocese because we are in communion with our bishop. My parish cannot suspend communion with another parish because of some perceived offense, nor can it drop being in communion with another diocese or province. How could a province such as Nigeria be in communion with Canterbury which is (we believe) in communion with the Episcopal Church in the U.S.A. and all its dioceses, and not be in communion with New Hampshire?

Of course, should Canterbury suspend communion with a province, matters would be different. That has not happened, and with good will it will not happen over a matter of church order. After all, it hasn't bothered the other provinces that the Episcopal Church has fostered Lutheran pastors not ordained by a bishop in apostolic succession celebrating the Eucharist, a matter much more fraught with theological implications than the canonical choosing of an American priest as a bishop.

(The Rev.) Charles Witke St Andrew's Church Ann Arbor, Mich. d by Google

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Change the Questions

Many Episcopalians would agree that there are no good answers to the questions that are about to be addressed by General Convention. When one doesn't like the answers, perhaps it's time to change the questions. And there are much more fundamental questions that this convention should consider:

1. Is the Episcopal Church a part of the larger Anglican Communion, and so also a part of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church, or not? If so, the standard of authority is scripture, tradition and reason. If not, convention should be good enough to say so, and end all the confusion and anguish for those who wish to remain part of the historic church.

2. Does the Episcopal Church have the courage to say that "Anglican toleration" was never intended as an excuse to call what the historic church has always defined as sin "righteousness."

3. If the Episcopal Church wishes to remain part of the historic church, and if the Diocese of New Hampshire is concerned that this be so, are its leaders, and the Rev. Canon V. Gene Robinson, prepared to withdraw his candidacy for election to the episcopate for the sake of catholicity?

There is a reason that the zenith of the Episcopal Church occurred in 1960. The Anglican Communion is growing in those places where it is simply, without compromise, a part of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. It is in decline where it is not.

When the patient has cancer, one does not refuse to cut it out on the grounds that one would hate to lose those cells. Does the Episcopal Church choose surgery or death?

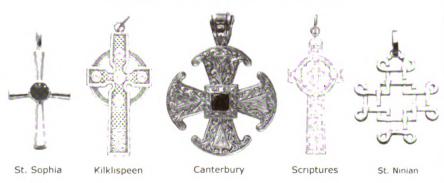
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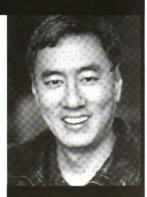


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certain views they held. But the church has survived. More recently, though, some of our bishops and General Convention deputies have had to give thought to issues that could tear the church apart when they meet in convention this summer.

Homosexual persons, whether male or female, seem to be preoccupied with having their point of view recognized in a favorable light, at any cost, even though it is obvious in holy scripture and by church tradition that these behaviors are perversions. These Christians ought to be praying that God will restore them to engage in sexual behavior that is considered normal, based upon the way, and why, men and women were created by God. One wonders what some of these priests and bishops who are proponents of samesex blessings learned in seminary, or if they ever read holy scripture. One also wonders about their praver life.

Paul R. Wanthal Twin Lakes, Wis.

More Questions

The editor wrote a column called, "Just Thought I'd Ask" [TLC, June 29]. I'd like to add a few questions of my own.

What criteria do the biblical moralists use in picking and choosing the morals they want to force on the rest of the church? Jesus said nothing about homosexuality, but he was very clear that remarriage after divorce was adultery. Why do we hear nothing about that one?

Jesus also said a lot about money, with a clear theme that poverty is better than riches. Why don't we hear that topic preached or written about in the Episcopal Church?

To those who want to publicize the Ten Commandments in schools and other public places, I would ask if they really keep holy the Sabbath (Saturday) by never doing any kind of work on that day?

What, specifically, is the "faith

once delivered to the saints"? Just thought I'd ask.

(The Rev.) Thomas Magruder Reno, Nev.

In response to one of David Kalvelage's questions [TLC, June 29], All Saints' Church, Ashmont, in Dorchester, Mass., celebrated the feast of Corpus Christi with High Mass, Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, and Benediction on the Sunday after Trinity Sunday.

Church of the Advent, Boston, celebrated the feast on the day.

Lamentably, Church of the Holy Communion in Gardena, Calif., where I attended June 22, celebrated 2 Pentecost, apparently confirming the editor's point.

> Bruce McLay Boston, Mass.

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add many more, but I have one which might answer many that he has asked. "Why do people no longer bow their heads at the Name of Jesus?"

> (The Rt. Rev.) James Adams Bishop of Western Kansas Salina, Kan.

The Church Forgot

Three cheers for the Rev. Gary Nicolosi for his article about open baptism [TLC, June 1]. I love that he writes "Accessibility is a fundamental quality of the catholic understanding of the church." Of course! But how quickly the church forgot that, and how steadfastly in its many different forms it has tried to keep itself inaccessible to anyone except the special — indeed, the "remnant" (how arrogant and gnostic!) — few.

It is devastating that in a world which is seeing the demolishing of all artificial boundaries between peoples and nations the church has not been leading the way. It should have been the first to take down barriers between its own differing sects, let alone between it and the rest of the world — graciously and with enthusiasm, not grudgingly and with rancor. An institution which can't even live its own core values (openness, accessibility, the achieving of reconciliation) is not a good role model for the world it says it seeks to serve.

Open baptism presents us with a wonderful way to demonstrate that the church is worthy of calling itself Christ's body, and therefore eager to act as Jesus would have us act. If peace and reconciliation are our goals, how can we deny the sacrament of baptism, and membership in the body, to anyone who comes to the font, regardless of training or knowledge?

> Sally Campbell Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y.

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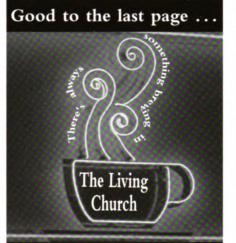
Susanne Thomas' article, "When Clergy Depart" [TLC, June 8], prompts memories of the late Rev. Dean E. McMann, who came to our church as interim rector and began his first sermon, "I come here to be with you for a time with the sole purpose of loving you. And from what I have already

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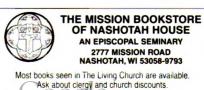
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experienced, this will be very easy to do." We wept.

As I lead in-parish Faith Stories Retreats at churches in the calling process, I am struck again and again by the depth of parishioners' grieving. There is deep pain in the loss of not only their spiritual leader and encourager, but often a valued family. A careful and prayerful search process is a staggering commitment for the committee while the treasurer considers the threat of a drop of income resulting from diminishing attendance.

The Rev. Jim Wilson, executive director of the Church Deployment Office at the Episcopal Church Center, notes that attention to the life of the Spirit in the congregation should be a first priority. During the interim min-

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istry retreat, I seek out a newcomer and ask, "Why are you here? What drew you to this place." The quick response always contains a reference to "We found a caring family here," which easily launches us into a wonderful time of sharing stories which, in turn, eases tensions and lifts spirits. Long-time parishioners who have experienced the ministry of three or four rectors also have invaluable stories of encouragement. Above all, such spiritual refreshment does much to broaden and strengthen the covering of prayer, so critical as a parish seeks the Lord's leading in identifying a rector.

Tom Riley Vienna, Va.

There Are Two

I wonder where on earth some of TLC's correspondents get their (mis)information. In particular, the bit from Fr. Evans that "If there is a New Testament 'sexual ethic,' it is that intercourse is solely for procreation" [TLC, June 29].

St. John Chrysostom, in a homily on marriage including exposition of the biblical treatment of marriage (in Homily 12) stipulates there are two: procreation and the (married) chastity of the couple. Now that the earth is full of people (this was the 4th century!) there is no great need for procreation. Therefore the more important reason is married chastity which is very different from celibate chastity (indeed, he insists on what he calls "the rich pleasure" of sexual intercourse) but in marriage there is a particular virtue which goes by the name "chastity" - a virtue unique to marriage. This is reflected in the marriage vows: a degree of commitment to the spouse.

(The Rev.) Joseph Frary Farmington, Maine

It's a Put-Down

It is interesting to read that Nancy Westerfield has come to feel that calling her parish priest "Father Tom" is a sign of affection [TLC, June 22]. It has not always been so. ago, according to my sources, this usage began in the Roman Catholic Church in this country in this way: Monastic clergy serving in congregations were called "Father (Religious Name)" (but never a nickname). Diocesan clergy were called "Father (Surname)."

When a number of young priests came into this country from Ireland to satisfy the great clergy shortage in an expanding nation, many American Roman Catholics thought them to be young and immature and began referring to them as "Father (Nickname)." It was never a sign of respect or affection, but a subtle put-down of a young assistant which could be used in public.

In a similar vein, I recall stories of a young Episcopal priest in the 1930s being referred to as "the boy" in his absence by his parishioners.

However, I suppose whatever makes both Nancy and Father Tom comfortable will prevail in Kearney. (The Rev. Canon) Charles B. King, Jr. Church of the Holy Cross Warrensburg, N.Y.

Try Using Theology

Fr. Kettlewell [TLC, June 29] stated that the blessing of same-sex relationships "should be a matter of pastoral care and caring ... not theological." How strange! When I was in seminary at Sewanee the dean, Fr. (Terry) Holmes stated in class, that our pastoral care was based on our theology. In other words, our care for others was a reflection of our doctrine of God. And our doctrine of God (and all subsequent doctrines) was based on scripture, tradition and reason. Maybe a nice change for those concerned with this issue (on the right or left) would be some serious theology. The point of good theology is to find the truth and thus God's will for us. That would not only be refreshing, but it would provide the Episcopal Church with a good starting point for our pastoral care of those seeking Christ's grace in this matter.

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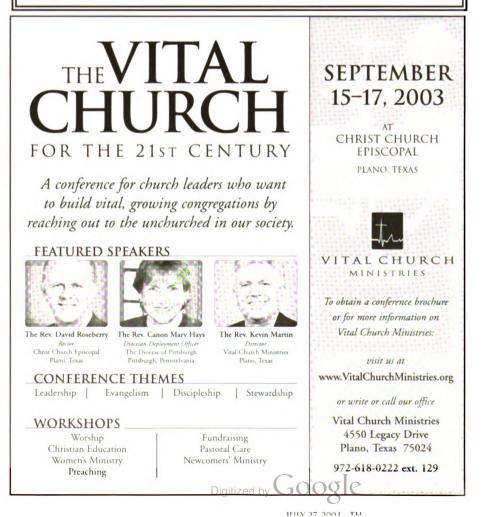
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One of the most unusual organizations of General Convention is the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop. The committee was created after a twohour executive session of the House of Deputies temporarily shut down convention in 1973 in part because of concerns that the House of Deputies had not had sufficient input into the election of the Most Rev. John M. Allin as Presiding Bishop.

Under the existing canons, every convention elects a joint nominating committee consisting of one lay person, one member of the clergy, and one bishop from each of the church's nine provinces, but unless the Presiding Bishop unexpectedly becomes incapacitated, it is only once every nine years that election to the committee is likely to be of significance. With the Most Rev. Frank T. Griswold's term of office set to expire following the convention in 2006, this is one of those years.

Nominees from Provinces

Last spring each province was supposed to meet and nominate at least one lay and one clergy person for election to the committee. From July 30 to Aug. 3, each province narrows its slate to two from each order. If necessary, provinces vote in caucus to determine their final list on Aug. 4.

Those names are forwarded to the House of Deputies for election by every deputy on Aug 5. On that same day the House of Bishops will also choose one bishop from each province to serve on the committee. Finally, the President of the House of Deputies will appoint two people ages 16-21 as additional members.

From the time the committee is elected until it produces a slate of nominees prior to General Convention in 2006, members will perform duties at the national level that are similar to the ones a rector or bishop search committee would perform in a parish



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Minnesota Bishop Joins Challenge to Gun Law

The Rt. Rev. James L. Jelinek, Bishop of Minnesota, was among several litigants who have successfully challenged a new state law which could have greatly increased the possibility of people carrying concealed handguns during General Convention.

The Minnesota Citizens' Personal Protection Act of 2003 significantly eases existing restrictions placed on concealed handguns. Under the new law, churches could prohibit firearms inside their buildings only after fulfilling a number of complicated requirements to notify first those who are licensed to carry a concealed firearm. Hennepin County District Judge Marilyn Brown Rosenbaum granted a temporary restraining order exempting churches from the new law on June 6. Bishop Jelinek said he joined other denominations in opposing the new law after a straw poll was taken at a spring diocesan clergy conference. but he also expressed concern about its potential effect on General Convention.

"I am certain," he said, "that even those persons who would not vote in approval of same-sex blessings in our churches would not want to increase any opportunity for violence during these potentially heated demonstrations."

Episcopal News Service contributed to this report

Convention Will Elect Treasurer

The surprising resignation of Ralph O'Hara as treasurer of the Episcopal Church about one month before the start of General Convention has forced organizers to consider looking to past practice in order to fill the sudden vacancy. Mr. O'Hara resigned effective June 30 [TLC, July 6] in order to accept a position in the corporate world.

Prior to 1984, the Episcopal Church had one treasurer elected to serve as an officer of General Convention and

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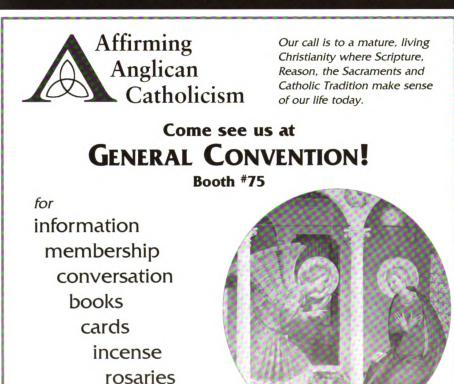
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another treasurer hired by the Presiding Bishop as a member of the Episcopal Church Center staff. Mr. O'Hara was the only nominee for the elected position of convention treasurer, according to the "Reports to the 74th General Convention." The Most Rev. Frank T. Griswold has appointed Thomas Moore III as acting financial officer in the wake of Mr. O'Hara's departure from the Church Center staff, but it seems likely that convention will be asked to elect someone else as convention treasurer - someone who would agree ahead of time to resign after convention adjourns.

Although he does not believe there would be any canonical impediments to nominating Mr. Moore, the Very Rev. George L. Werner, president of the House of Deputies, said his canonical legitimacy could provoke extended debate and with the legislative calendar already full, it is important to minimize as many legislative uncertainties as possible.



Ramon Aymerich photo

One hundred forty Latino teens from dioceses across the country gathered June 25-29 in Berea, Ky., 50 miles from Lexington, for the National Episcopal Latino Youth Event, sponsored by the National Office of Hispanic Ministries and the Rev. Daniel Caballero, Hispanic missioner. The teenagers and their adult sponsors and design team spent their time together considering the many ways in which God and the church can help break down the parriers between persons and groups.

Brotherhood Renews Ties with Boy Scouts

At one of the largest annual gatherings in recent years, the Brotherhood of St. Andrew renewed historic links with the Boy Scouts of America and postponed until after Jan. 1 a decision on whether to move its national office from Ambridge, Pa., to either Atlanta or Orlando. The group met at a hotel in Charleston, S.C., June 25-29.

The Boy Scouts of America and the Brotherhood of St. Andrew are the only two male organizations chartered by an act of the United States Congress. The two organizations reaffirmed their historic ties and vowed to support each other in their common goal of raising young men dedicated to God and country. There are currently 48,000 Boy Scouts meeting in Episcopal churches, according to David Richardson, associate director of Boy Scouts of America.

"Thousands of Episcopal churches across the nation provide leadership, a meeting place, and support the policies and principles of the Boy Scouts of America," said Mr. Richardson. "It is only natural that scouting and the brotherhood join forces since we have exactly the same goals."

Mr. Richardson and St. Andrew brother Amos Kearns met with other brothers throughout the four-day convention, attempting to encourage more chapters and churches to organize Tiger Cubs (first graders), Cubs (second and third grade) and Boy Scouts (ages 11-17) troops as a part of the ministry of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. Mr. Kearns, who leads the newly established National Episcopal Scouters Association, cited studies which indicate that 12 of 100 scouts get their first experience with church through scouting. And two of every 100 scouts go into the ministry.

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After extensive discussion that did not end until late at night, executive board members deferred until Jan. 1 a decision on relocating the central office from Ambridge. Different funding proposals were discussed and factors such as office space

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requirements and location were addressed. Newly elected president Rudy Vartanian has the option of establishing a new relocation committee once he takes office on Nov. 30.

Brothers also approved a \$211,000 budget for 2003-2004 and learned that the Brotherhood of St. Andrew Foundation has assets totaling \$825,000. The Brotherhood of St. Andrew Foundation continues to grow its assets, chair Clarence Abrams reported. He noted that the Foundation provided \$34,020 to the Brotherhood as income in 2002.

"In the future we will be looking at the proper relationship between growth and income investment plans," Mr. Abrams said. Brothers approved a resolution thanking longtime Foundation trustees Fred Manget and Rich Englander for the efforts toward the successful growth of Foundation assets.

Jim Goodson

Suspect Linked to Church Fires in San Antonio

Jesus Arturo Barraza, Jr., recently visited a number of San Antonio churches to talk to ministers about their beliefs. Police believe he later returned to the churches to set them on fire [TLC, July 6].

"Apparently, he was upset over what he perceived to be conflicting interpretations of biblical teachings that he had been receiving from various churches of various denominations throughout the city," San Antonio police Capt. Art Villarreal told the Associated Press. "He told investigators that God had told him to commit these crimes and that during the committing of these crimes, God was protecting him and was watching over him."

In a statement Mr. Barraza gave to investigators, he said the most common method he used to set the fires was to throw a sock soaked in charcoal fluid or lamp oil through a window. Most of the 14 or so suspicious fires in the San Antonio area recently, including one at St. Francis' Episcopal Church, were small and did little damage.

The Rev. Doug Storment, rector of St. Francis', told the Associated Press that Mr. Barraza stopped by his church on April 1 and helped stuff envelopes for an hour or so while he waited for Fr. Storment to return. After the conversation, Fr. Storment said he encouraged Mr. Barraza to visit again.

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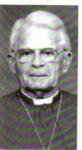
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"Speaking with him, it was clear that there were issues that were beyond the questions he was asking," Fr. Storment said. "My concern for him is that he gets help and is not just behind bars."

Bishop Swift Dies

The Rt. Rev. Albert Ervine Swift, retired Bishop of the Convocation of American Churches in Europe, died June 21 in Boca Raton, Fla., where he resided. He was 89.

Bishop Swift began his ministry in



1939 in China, where he taught at St. John's University in Shanghai and was vicar of the English-speaking church in Hankow. He was elected Bishop of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands in 1951. and during the 14 years of his episco-

Bishop Swift

pacy placed great emphasis on the development of an indigenous clergy.

He served as an assistant bishop in the dioceses of Pennsylvania, South Florida and Southeast Florida, and was bishop-in-charge of the Diocese of Honduras, 1972-73, before his appointment as bishop in Europe. In 1978 he retired to Florida, where he was an active supporter of AIDS research and the arts, and enjoyed the beach and snorkeling.

Bishop Swift is survived by his wife. Libby, sisters Jane Fair and Lou Perrett, daughter Anne Nietert, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. His funeral was held on July 1. which would have been his 90th birthday, at St. Gregory's Church, Boca Raton, a parish he served as rector from 1969 to 1974, while he was assistant bishop of Southeast Florida. Mary Cox

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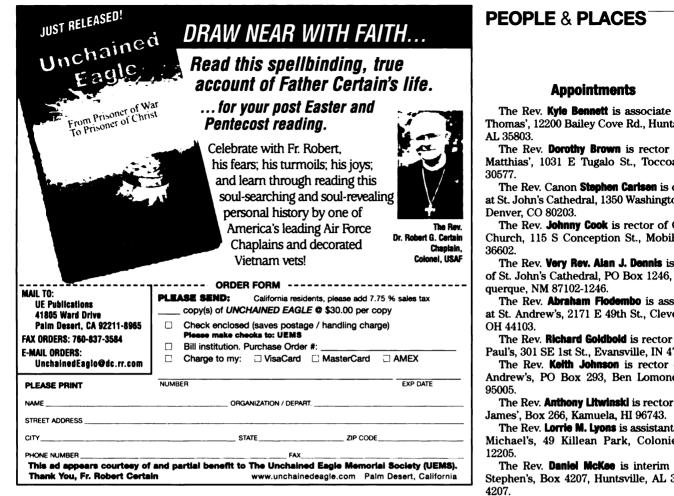
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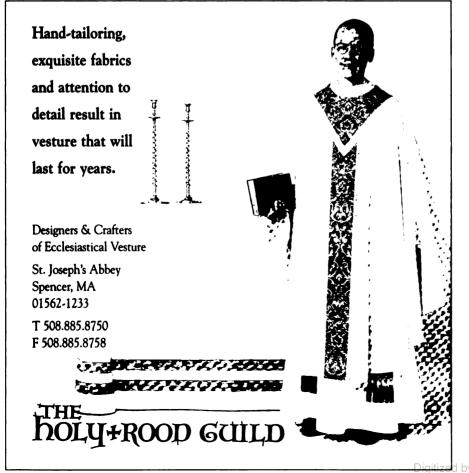
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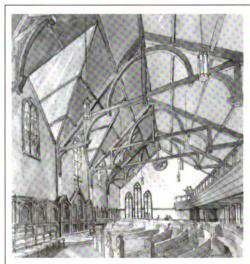
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PEOPLE & PLACES

FL, died June 7 in his home from heart failure. He was 61.

Fr. Bingham was born in Jenkins, KY. He was a graduate of West Virginia University and the School of Theology of the University of the South. He was ordained deacon in 1970 and priest in 1971 in the Diocese of Western North Carolina and was involved in a variety of ministries including director of development for St. Francis Homes, creating the office of planned giving in the Diocese of San Joaquin, canon to the ordinary for communications in the Diocese of Maryland, director of communications and development for the Appalachian Peoples Service Organization. and as editor for the Journal of General Convention. During the last decade he had been involved in interim ministries in Southwest Florida, and as an associate at Trinity Cathedral, Sacramento, CA. He was called to the Cape Coral parish only recently, having been instituted in February. Survivors include his father, Harold Ross.

Vincent O. Eareckson III, 59, of Chester, PA, theologian and church communicator, died June 29 of a heart attack. He was a passenger in an automobile on his way to church at Church of the Good Shepherd, Rosemont, PA, when he was stricken. He died later at Springfield Hospital.

He was a native of Baltimore, MD, and a graduate of Swarthmore College and Princeton Theological Seminary. He was theologian-in-residence at Good Shepherd, and had participated in the assembly of Forward in Faith there the previous week. He is survived by two daughters, Laura Keehan and Shelly Lazorchak, both of Wilmington, DE; two grandchildren; his mother, Elva Mae Eareckson; and a brother, Roger, of Trappe, MD.

The Rev. Canon **Edwin Bedford Jeffress**, Jr., retired canon to the ordinary and executive secretary of the Diocese of East Carolina, died June 18 in Wilmington, NC. He was 87.

Canon Jeffress was born in Greensboro, NC, and was a graduate of the University of North Carolina and the General Theological Seminary, He was ordained deacon in 1941 and priest in 1942, then served churches in Mt. Airy, Elkin, Albemarle County, Concord, Mecklenburg County, Stovall and Oxford, NC. He was director of religious education for the Diocese of North Carolina and director of Vade Mecum Camp and Conference Center from 1952 to 1962. He was director of religious education for the Diocese of East Carolina from 1962 to 1973, then held the canon to the ordinary and executive secretary positions from 1973 until he retired in 1980. He was a delegate to the Province 4 Synod and was a deputy to General Convention. Canon Jeffress is survived by three daughters, Harriet Moulton, Rebecca Harris, and Louise Shaw, and six grandchildren.

The Rev. **Joseph Daniel Way**, 72, retired priest of the Diocese of Georgia, died May 25 at Pardee Hospital in Hendersonville, NC.

He was born in Swainsboro, GA, and educated at the University of Georgia and Nashotah House. He was ordained to the diaconate in 1968 and to the priesthood in 1969. He served at Grace Church, Sandersville, GA, then was rector of St. George's, Savannah, GA, 1971-84, and St. Alban's, Augusta, GA, 1984-93. He retired in 1993. Fr. Way is survived by his wife, JoAnne; two sons, Peter, of Saluda, NC, and Arnold, of Columbia, SC; a daughter, Justine, of Chicago; and five grandchildren.

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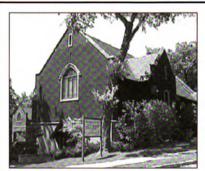
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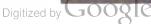
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