The 158th Convention of the Diocese of California will provide a notable change from conventions of the recent past, and events throughout the week preceding convention promise to inspire and enliven members of the diocese while calling all into a deeper sense of community.

The Rt. Rev. Marc Andrus, Bishop of California, has invited his friend the Most Rev. Njongonkulu Ndungane, Archbishop of Cape Town and Primate of the Province of Southern Africa, to be present with the diocese during the week leading up to convention and to preach the homily at the convention’s opening Eucharist to be held on Friday night, October 19, at 7 p.m. The entire week leading up to the convention’s day of business on Saturday, October 20, will feature regional appearances by Ndungane, with opportunities to engage him on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), the continuing scourge of HIV/AIDS in Africa, and his perspective on the Anglican Communion.

Convention week will begin on Monday, October 15, with the third Taizé Service for Diocesan Unity to be held at St. Paul’s, Walnut Creek. The service of prayers and chants is an opportunity for all members of the diocese to come together in prayerful support of one another. Worshipers are invited to write their challenges and concerns on small wooden hearts and to bring them and all their prayers to the cross of Christ. This beautiful and moving candle-lit service begins at 7 p.m. and will be followed by a reception welcoming Ndungane to California. Ndungane will make remarks at the reception and will answer questions from those in attendance.

On Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, October 16—18, Ndungane will be present at three town hall meetings at St. Paul’s, San Rafael; St. Augustine’s, Oakland; and Trinity, Menlo Park, respectively. Each of the presentations, entitled “Being the Beloved Community,” will begin at 7 p.m. and will include international musical entertainment and other offerings. Each program will conclude with a reception.

Every Episcopalian and friend of the Diocese of California is invited to attend the convention’s opening Eucharist to be held at San Francisco’s Grace Cathedral on Friday, October 19, at 7 p.m. Following the service there will be dining and salsa dancing on the cathedral’s plaza, with dance lessons offered by Autumn LaVarta of Metronome Dance Center.

A few changes will be apparent on the convention’s day of business, Saturday, October 20. The day’s business will begin at 9 a.m. with Morning Prayer and the Bishop’s Address in the nave of the cathedral. After a short break, delegates will move downstairs to Gresham Hall where the layout will be different from past years. Exhibits will be in the cathedral’s Wilsey Conference Center, opening up the floor of convention to provide more room for delegates, alternates, clergy, and guests. There will be no seating by deanery this year, and all seating will be first-come-first-served. To better assist the flow of business, video monitors will be placed around the convention floor to aid in presentations and to improve sight lines.

This year, delegates will vote for two new members of Standing Committee (one lay, one clergy), three members of the Ecclesiastical Court (one lay, two clergy), three members of the Board of Directors, three
Growing Towards the Cosmic Christ

I like the fact that those of us who root our lives in the Church are always on a school-year schedule: after some time of relaxation and re-energizing during the summer, we begin anew, a pattern deep in us since our childhood, something known, though perhaps with uncomfortable as well as happy associations. For me, I think about renewal of projects begun before, of new endeavors as the “new year” begins.

This fall, two annual events hold much promise for me as I think about our diocese and its vision and direction, for which I’m praying and towards which I’m working in this “new year.” First, the annual Clergy Conference is focused on environmental sustainability, or the care of creation.

The Presiding Bishop, the Most Reverend Katharine Jefferts Shori, will be our honored guest for part of the conference, responding to our learnings about environmental justice and racism, about how our congregations can live mindfully in the envelope of earth and air on which our parish and mission buildings are placed, and about how we can understand our faith stories as being placed within a story of the universe and the much smaller patches of earth that nourished us and our families before us.

The clergy will be doing some reading in preparation for the conference, some chapters from Carolyn Merchant’s Radical Ecology; Thomas Berry’s Evening Thoughts, and several journal articles that will support our learning. Presenters will include the Rev. Sally Bingham, who is coming back from some globe-trotting on behalf of the earth to be part of the conference; Joshua Griffin, an intern with our Environmental Commission this fall; Sean McConnell; a representative of an environmental activist organization in Bayview; and myself.

It is heartening that so many in this country are either moving into a new awareness about the high importance of challenges presented by global climate change or are moving from awareness to engagement. I continue to believe that the Church and other faith communities have a unique and crucial role to play in the care of creation, and I will continue to do my best to provide helpful formation around environment and theology for the diocese and to help the great human resources of this diocese that are already committed to creation care do their ministries better.

Also this fall we have our annual diocesan convention. Experience the way the Diocese of California handles its convention last year made me very happy for a couple of reasons: the one day format made it less expensive than the norm in many dioceses, with expensive hotels and catered dinners, etc., and the fact that this one day was a Saturday meant more people who must work on weekdays could participate, making our delegate body potentially more truly representative of the whole people of God in the diocese.

At the same time, I believed we could preserve those positive elements and also forward the life of the whole, our own sense of being the Body of Christ. I’ve been writing about various societal concepts of community/individual relations that have influenced contemporary theology, such as ubuntu and sobernost, during the past year. Underlying these reflections has been my abiding sense that our culture has a great longing to live deeply in Christian community, and to serve the world as a coherent body, united in our diversity.

I’m delighted to announce that we have a special guest for our diocesan convention, the Most Rev. Njungrku Ndungane, archbishop of Cape Town and primate of Southern Africa. He is one of the most prominent leaders of the Anglican Communion, and is at the forefront of leading the Communion’s engagement with global reconciliation through the means of the Millennium Development Goals. His leadership has a clear connection to his life within the Christian community of South Africa, deriving from the community, and changing in return that very community, a spiral of spiritual growth towards the Omega point, our Cosmic Christ.

Archbishop Ndungane will be with us for the week preceding the convention, speaking at three different events hosted by parishes and then at a diocesan Eucharist in Grace Cathedral on Friday evening. Please see episcopalbayarea.org/convention for a schedule and more information on this exciting week.

While I wouldn’t go so far to say that without qualification, “process is product,” I will say that our gathering during the week before the convention is valuable in itself, further experience in being a diocesan family, being the Beloved Community.

Peace,

+Marc Handley Andrus
The Rt. Rev. Marc Handley Andrus
Bishop

To the Editor:

Dear Sean and Monica,

The PCN has really improved over the past few years and I am grateful for the “bridge” it offers us Episcopalians of the Peninsula who are passionate about PCN’s mission and contribute so much to it. As we know from the piece. We promise to take Dolly up on her offer to write an article for PCN, and we look forward to publishing it in a future issue.

We thank Dolly and other readers for alerting us to the oversight of Trinity School, Menlo Park, in “Episcopal Schools Emphasize Building Community” published in the August edition of Pacific Church News. The article’s purpose was to focus on K-8 schools in the diocese, while Trinity is currently a K-5 school. However, Trinity is certainly one of the exemplary Episcopal grade schools in the diocese, and we apologize for excluding it from the piece. We promise to take Dolly up on her offer to write an article for PCN, and we look forward to publishing it in a future issue.

If you notice a glaring mistake or omission, please tell us about it. You can reach us at PCN@diocal.org.

Dolly Patterson, Head of School at Trinity School, Menlo Park

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with Susan von Herrmann

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n the weekend before the Pacific Church News was sent to the printer, I woke twice in the same night to gunfire.

The first shooting was near the park where my children play. All of our neighborhood kids love the playground there, and once my son picked up a bullet casing in the park and asked me what it was. I told him. The other shooting was one block away from our home. Someone walked up and shot at the front door of a house. Apparently the residents of that house have been shot at before. Neither of these were one-shot shootings.

As a matter of fact, I don’t know that I’ve ever heard gunfire in my neighborhood that consisted of one shot. It usually is anywhere from five to ten shots. I live in Richmond, California, where September 11, 2007, was marked by nine people being shot in a 24-hour period.

In a recent blog entry, the Rev. Robert Cromey issued what he called “A Vicious Critique of the Pacific Church News” (cromey.blogspot.com). In it, Cromey frankly accused Episcopalians in the Diocese of California of being all talk, prayer, contemplation, with no action. He picked at each story in the August issue to see if there was any sign of action on the part of members of the diocese, and his critiques stung a bit. He closed his “vicious critique” with the following:

“In a recent SF Chronicle editorial page there is an article where Cynthia Tucker writes of the worsening plight of young black Americans who are killing each other at a startling increase. New York and Oakland and the south of Market San Francisco have huge numbers of murders. Those towns are all in the Diocese of California. We have parishes and missions in those towns, all struggling just to survive and do not have the resources to do much about murders. Now this is an area of real need for social change. I hope some of these spiritual life mediators and contemplators get involved in stopping the murders happening daily in our Diocese of California. That would be social action indicating that a rich spiritual life has some value.”

Now, I don’t argue the point with my friend Robert. In fact, I agree with him about the need for action, and I also agree with our bishop that the best form of Christian witness is one that includes personal spiritual growth as well as a life of action.

The fact remains, however, that I am in a quandary for what to do to have any real impact on what’s happening in my neighborhood. My wife and I have joined the neighborhood watch group, and we will go to our first neighborhood council meeting this week. But something tells me that simply watching out for my neighbor and attending meetings is insufficient to make any real changes. The reason killings are up in Richmond has been attributed to rival gangs in a drug trafficking turf battle. And that’s why homicide all around.

There’s a hole, there’s a hole
There’s a hole in his head, hole in his leg
Hole in his pants, holes everywhere
And that’s why homicide all around.
There’s a body, there’s a body
There’s a body in a drop, body in a lot
Body uptown, body downtown
And that’s why homicide all around.”

(Artist: Tony Yayo, Album: Thoughts of a Predicate Felon, Song: Homicide)

The writer of that song has been in and out of prison several times on weapons charges. Other rappers like 50 Cent and Eminem made Yayo a celebrity while he was in prison by wearing “Free Yayo” shirts in their music videos. The songs of Tony Yayo and his band G-Unit are responsible for rattling my windows and setting off car alarms in my neighborhood almost daily. Even the good kids in my neighborhood listen to G-Unit. I must admit that even I have enjoyed their songs on occasion.

Now I’m the last one to call for censorship — parental advisory labels, like gunshot wounds, offer street cred. I simply want to illustrate that in a city with high homicide rates, the approach needs to be holistic, creative, passionate, and incessant.

And most of all, any action needs to be community action — not Episcopalians Only, as so many of our activities are.

For Episcopalians to be involved in real change, they need to go to their sisters and brothers in other denominations and listen. All too often our Episcopal elitism/racism shows when we

Anti-Racism Training Scheduled for November

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eeing the Face of God in Each Other, the anti-racism training in the Diocese of California, will be presented at St. Stephen’s, 3 Bay View Ave., Belvedere, Friday and Saturday, November 2 and 3, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Leaders and trainers are the following:

David Liu and Sean Potts. The cost of the training, covering materials and two meals each day, is $60. Toni Van Kriedt is registrar; contact her at 415.218.4983 or e-mail arkv331@aol.com. A registration form can be downloaded at www.episcopalbayarea.org/anti-racism. The workshop complies with the General Convention requirement that all leaders in the Episcopal Church participate in anti-racism training and qualifies for CEU credit.

In addition to scheduling and staffing trainings/workshops, the Anti-Racism Commission is an integral part of the multi-cultural and multi-ethnic strategic planning and presence in the diocese. They are collaborating with the various ethnic commissions of the diocese to host a Second Annual (pre-)Holidays Celebration Saturday, December 8, at St. Mark’s Church, Berkeley, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. It will include a festive Ecucharist, music, spirited conversation among people from the ethnic and the wider communities, and a range of delicious food in “pot luck” mode … a true feast! A cordial invitation is extended to all members of the diocese.

Dying to Act

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Standing Committee, Class of 2011
Clergy Nominees (One Position)
Hailey McKeefry Delmas (Deacon)
Brother Jude Hill, SSF (Priest)
Jill Honodel (Priest)
Chip Barker Larrimore (Priest)
Nina L. Pickerrell (Deacon)
Karen Swanson (Priest)

Lay Nominees (One Position)
Ronald C. Johnson
Jay Luther
Brother Karekin M Yarian, BSG (Lay)

Ecclesiastical Court, Class of 2010
Clergy Nominees (Two Positions)
Paul Burrows (Priest)
Ellen Ekström (Deacon)
Nancy G. Eswein (Deacon)

Lay Nominees (One Position)
Gerald Learn
Karen Valentina Clopton

Secretary of the Convention (One Position)
David A. Frangquist

Treasurer of the Diocese (One Position)
Elizabeth (Betsy) Munz

Board of Directors, Class of 2010 (Three Positions)
Paul Fromberg (Priest)
Margaret K. “Peggy” Greene
Gary L. Hunt

Provincial Synod 2008
Clergy Nominees (One Position)
T. Vincent Jang (Deacon)
Leslie Nipps (Priest)

Lay Nominees (Two Positions)
Mary S. Kimball
Carole Jan Lee
Vik Sten
Dianne Audrick Smith

General Convention 2009
Clergy Nominees (Four Positions)
Michael Barlowe (Priest)
Barbara Bender Breck (Priest)
Tommy J. Dillon II (Priest)
John H. Eastwood (Priest)

Vanessa Glass (Priest)
Richard E. Helmer (Priest)
Chip Barker Larrimore (Priest)
David Y. Ota (Priest)
Katherine (Kate) Salinaro (Deacon)
Sue Thompson (Priest)
James R. Tramel (Priest)
M. Sylvia O. Vásquez (Priest)

Lay Nominees (Four Positions)
Bob Birss
Barbara Smith Bisel
Kay Bishop
Roderick B. Dugliss
Carolyn W. Gaines
Liz Graves
Walter Holden
Sarah E. Lawton
Holly McAlpen
Warren J. Wong

Nominations

The Most Rev. Njongonkulu Ndungane spoke to pilgrims from the Diocese of California at last March’s Toward Effective Anglican Mission (TEAM) Conference in Boksburg, South Africa, and will be a special guest for the 158th diocesan convention.

members of Provincial Synod (two lay, one clergy), and eight deputies to the General Convention of the Episcopal Church to be held in Anaheim, California, in the summer of 2009 (four lay, four clergy). Running unopposed are David Frangquist for Secretary of Convention and Elizabeth (Betsy) Munz for Treasurer of the Diocese.

A variety of resolutions will be considered, including one that calls for an assisting bishop for the diocese and one that calls for the Church Pension Group to divest from all holdings of companies doing business in the Sudan. Also to be considered are resolutions calling for the use of compact fluorescent light bulbs; a strategic plan for Ethnic and Multicultural Ministries in the diocese; the use of three rites for blessing same sex unions; and for a special convention to be held May 10, 2008, to consider canonical changes affecting the governance structures of the diocese. One other resolution that is not published here will be offered to recommend a companion diocese relationship.

The order of the day will be changed in an effort to make the business flow better and to expand the variety of presentations and reports.

The convention book and other supporting documents can be downloaded from the diocesan website at episcopalbayarea.org/convention or picked up at Diocesan House, 1055 Taylor Street (at Sacramento), San Francisco. Convention details including nominations and resolutions follow.

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The 158th Annual Convention

Resolutions

From the Committee on Resolutions

1. Proposed Appointment of an Assistant Bishop
   Resolved, That the 158th Convention of the Diocese of California hereby approves the creation of the position of Assistant Bishop and authorizes the Bishop of California to appoint a Bishop for that position, whose appointment is subject to the consent of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of California.

2. Sudan Divestment
   Resolved, That the 158th Convention of the Diocese of California urges the Executive Council to exhort the Church Pension Group (CPG) to divest from its 403(b) plan all holdings of companies that are doing business in Sudan.

3. Protection for Immigrants and their Families
   Resolved, That the 158th Convention of the Diocese of California condemns the ongoing workplace raids carried out by the U.S. Immigration Customs Enforcement Agency (ICE) to detain and deport undocumented immigrants, thereby causing wrenching separations of families and leaving children parentless;
   Resolved, That the Convention encourages wide participation by Episcopalians in educational events and forums, such as those being developed by the Diocesan Migration and Immigration Task Force, to learn about the plight of immigrants, to hear people recount their experiences with past ICE raids, to learn about the root causes of migration, and to discuss long-term solutions to the immigration crisis; and
   Resolved, That the Convention calls upon Episcopalians, including congregations, deaneries, diocesan groups and individuals, to assist those seeking protection from detention and deportation by the provision of sanctuary, which can include material, legal, and/or pastoral support; and by visible expressions of solidarity through participation in vigils, fasts, marches, and advocacy campaigns for long-term solutions to the crisis brought about by the need for reform to immigration policy.

4. Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs
   Resolved, That the 158th Convention of the Diocese of California encourages each congregation and diocesan institution with a building or buildings to change one light bulb to a compact fluorescent light bulb by December 31, 2007;
   Resolved, That each congregation and diocesan institution encourage all of its members to change one light bulb to a compact fluorescent light bulb by December 31, 2007; and
   Resolved, That the Pacific Church News report on the impact it would have on the environment if every congregation and every Episcopal household changed one light bulb.

   Resolved, That the 158th Diocesan Convention adopts the Five-Year Ethnic and Multicultural Strategic Plan, concluding with the 163rd Convention, to grow vigorous ethnic-specific, multicultural, and multi-ethnic ministries by re-building vitality in our already existing ministries; planting at least two vital, new ministries; fostering reconciliation to help heal the history of marginalization of these ministries; nurturing leadership for these ministries at every level of the Diocese; and building advocacy and support for immigrant and indigenous communities and all in need in the Bay Area;
   Resolved, That the Convention commends the diocese in the establishment of a position of Ethnic and Multicultural Missioner and calls upon the office of the Bishop to appoint and install an incumbent by June, 2008, and make this position permanent; and
   Resolved, That amendments to the proposed changes to the Canons of the Diocese of California submitted to the 158th Convention of the Diocese of California be postponed until the Special Convention;

6. The Liturgical Covenanting, Blessing, and Sending Forth of Couples in Committed Same-Gender Relationships
   Resolved, That the 158th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of California commends to the Bishop of California the lectionary rubric entitled “Concerning the Service,” and three rites endorsed by the Commission on Marriage and Blessing, and urges the Bishop to approve the trial use of these forms as resources in the Diocese of California for formalizing the blessing of same-gender unions.

Resolution from the Standing Committee Governance Review Task Force

7. Building the Beloved Community in the spirit of Transparency, Communication and Mission
   Resolved, That the 158th Convention of the Diocese of California calls upon the Bishop to convene a Special Convention on May 10, 2008 to consider and give final approval to proposed changes to the Canons of the Diocese of California;
   Resolved, That consideration of all proposed changes to the Canons of the Diocese of California submitted to the 158th Convention of the Diocese of California be postponed until the Special Convention;
   Resolved, That amendments to the proposed changes to the Canons shall be in order at the Special Convention only if they have been submitted to the Standing Committee and the Committee on Canons no later than January 31, 2008; and
   Resolved, That the Standing Committee and the Committee on Canons shall report all proposed amendments to the Special Convention, unless withdrawn, along with their recommendations and such revisions and substitutions as they may deem appropriate.

From the Archives

Convention 1907

From the Journal of the Fifty-Seventh Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of California. Held in Trinity Church, San Francisco, January 22d, 23d, and 24th, A.D. 1907

Report of the Standing Committee

The Standing Committee begs to present the following report:

Five meetings have been held during the past year. All the records of the Committee were destroyed in the fire of last April and details of the February and March meetings cannot be given beyond noting that at the meeting of February 6th the Rev. F. W. Clampett, D., was elected President, and the Rev. E. L. Parsons, Secretary. At that and the meeting of March 28th routine business was transacted.

The record of other meetings is as follows:

May 23. Recommended Messrs. Geo. H. B. Wright, Lee A. Wood, and Ernest Cyril Davies for ordination to the Diaconate. Accepted to request of the Bishop to act with himself, Mr. W. H. Crocker, Treasurer, and Ven. J. A. Emery, Assistant Treasurer, as a General Board of Administration for the Relief Funds.

September 26. Consent was given to the consecration of the Rev. Charles Scadding to be Bishop of Oregon. Wm. Walker Anderson and Arthur Cope Dodd were recommended for ordination to the Diaconate. Associated with themselves, the Bishop of the Diocese, Ven. J. A. Emery, Messrs. W. H. Crocker and A. C. Kains, and took steps to form a Cathedral Corporation.


Respectfully submitted,
Edward L. Parsons, Secretary.
Swing Pavilion at Bishop’s Ranch Nears Completion

By Sarah McGowan

Through the generosity of over 1,000 diocesan donors, construction is progressing steadily on the Swing Pavilion and associated infrastructure improvements (driveway and parking). $2.3 of the $4 million project was raised in capital campaign Phase I, leaving $1.7 million to be raised in Phase II. Of this amount, over half has already been raised. This project is first and foremost focused on making the Ranch better equipped to serve the people of the Diocese of California. The plan is to begin using the building space on a limited basis late this fall, as detailed finishing work continues.

Along with the Pavilion project, improvements made to the Ranch in the last decade have provided us a powerful resource for spiritual formation and for building our church communities. In our busy lives, it is difficult to make connections beyond the coffee hour. Recently a person shared the story of a new church member who, after an inspiring parish weekend at the Ranch, became a committed volunteer in the congregation, chairing the outreach committee for two years. After visiting the Ranch families feel an intimacy with their church communities that comes from eating, worshiping, sharing stories, and playing together in that beautiful, relaxed setting. The diocese comes together in a myriad of ways at the Ranch through vestry, women’s, men’s, and intergenerational retreats as well as diocesan institutions, summer camps, church staff retreats, and spiritual retreats to name a few. These gatherings strengthen diocesan connections across the Bay Area. When we gather in our many communities, close to nature, we allow God’s grace to come alive among us. In the same spirit, this is a “green” project, honoring God’s creation with environmentally sensitive building technologies.

The pavilion addresses a long time need at the Ranch for a place where a variety of groups can gather under one generous roof. Past expansion and renovation of housing space provided for more hospitable accommodation for more groups, but activity space has been limited. Parish groups wanting space for talent shows or dancing are competing with food service in the refectory. Other group activity possibilities were simply beyond our capabilities. This created an imbalance, where housing capacity greatly outstripped activity space.

This fall the Ranch board, staff, and friends are working hard to raise the additional funds needed to complete the pavilion project. We are reaching out to people in the diocese who have supported Phase I and may want to continue. We will also be contacting those who have not yet had the opportunity to give support. With the help of our many generous donors, we will complete this important project and benefit the people of the diocese and our lives together.

Thanks to a generous $250,000 matching grant, gifts or pledges of $1,000 or more will now be matched at 50%. To obtain information on how to donate to the project or to ask questions, please contact Sean Swift, executive director at The Bishop’s Ranch, sswift@sonic.net, 707.433.2440x110.

Grace Cathedral in San Francisco recently removed the tapestry labyrinth that occupied a portion of the nave and replaced it with a stone masonry replica of the labyrinth at Chartres Cathedral. One guest was overheard saying of the completed labyrinth, “It looks like it has been here for hundreds of years.”

Camp Create at St. Stephen’s, Belvedere, has a video available of this art project created by Daniel Dancer of artforthesky.com. The image is made up of mulch and children on the parking lot of St. Stephen’s.
Helen Price Donates $300K for Children and Youth Ministries

This past spring, the Rev. Helen Price, a former deacon at Christ Church, Alameda, gave a gift of $300,000 to the children and youth ministries program there. The grant will be used to sustain the Fantastic Faith Journey program, in its second year at the church. The program, under the leadership of Children’s Education Director Melissa Heoefs Mischak, promotes the spiritual development of children by engaging all of their senses. Students spend four or five weeks studying a single Bible story through storytelling, cooking, acting, art, watching movies, and singing. Price donated the funds at a time when she was very ill, but would be able to witness some of the joy it would bring. She died the morning of August 29. Price was ordained to the diaconate in 1990, at the age of 73. She had a particular passion for the acolyte ministry, Sunday school, and children’s chapel, where she invested her talent for teaching children about faith. She was also very active in recruiting others in the parish to answer the call to teach. Although she moved to Arizona and then Texas with her son and grandchildren, she remained connected to Christ Church through her daughter, Aida Merriweather. Price’s memorial service was held at Christ Church on the same day as the beginning of the Sunday school program year.

Diocese Co-Sponsors Groundbreaking Documentary in Mill Valley Film Festival

How does a patriotic West Point graduate become a conscientious objector? How does a person trained to kill deal with the moral consequences of taking a human life? These fascinating questions are the core of this philosophical documentary. Using the Iraq war as a backdrop, filmmakers Catherine Ryan and Gary Weinberg (Three Women and a Chateau, MVFF 2006) delve deep into the hearts of soldiers who joined up for love of country, were asked to kill for that love, and were unable to pull the trigger. Intimate interviews with several soldiers reveal the different paths that brought them to the battlefield and then to the difficult and drastic decision to become a conscientious objector, opposed to all war, in the midst of combat. Narrated by Peter Coyote, Soldiers of Conscience transcends general politics to uncover weightier thinking about free will, morality, and life during wartime.

The Mill Valley Film Festival (MVFF) and the Episcopal Diocese of California co-present Soldiers of Conscience at the 30th Mill Valley Film Festival to be held October 4 through October 14.

Screening Times:
October 5, 8:30 p.m., 142 Throckmorton Theatre, Mill Valley
October 7, 11:00 a.m., Christopher B. Smith Rafael Film Center 1, San Rafael

For more information about this film and to purchase tickets, visit www.mvff.com.

Rev. Carol Luther Comes Home to St. Paul’s School

On August 29, 2007, after a three-year period as vicar of Church of the Redeemer in San Rafael, California, Rev. Carol Luther returned to St. Paul’s Episcopal School as chaplain and director of service learning. Chaplain Luther made her first appearance at the First Day of School Chapel, where she was welcomed with cheering and adoration.

“We are delighted to welcome Carol back,” says Head of School Karon A. Merry. “Her spiritual gifts and understanding of St. Paul’s School’s mission and tenets make her an ideal fit for us.”

As chaplain, Luther serves as spiritual leader for the students and school community. Her responsibilities include spiritual formation, classroom teaching, and coordinating St. Paul’s weekly chapel service, which is lead by different students throughout the year.

In addition to her duties as chaplain, Luther also serves as director of service learning. St. Paul’s School’s celebrated program, now in its 21st year, integrates community service with other academic studies and includes individual and group reflection. All of St. Paul’s students, from grades kindergarten through eighth, participate in projects that take them into the greater community, where they can experience directly the impact that their actions have on others and the influence that others have on them.

Over the years, the program has received nine national awards, including the Daily Points of Light Award and multiple honors from the Council for Spiritual and Ethical Education and its predecessor.

Luther was chaplain and librarian at the school from 2000 to 2004 and resumes this position upon the departure of the Rev. Susan Allison-Hatch, who is the new rector at Trinity Episcopal Church in Sonoma.

On September 8, 2007, the Rev. Jim Stickney and the Rev. Linda Campbell blessed a brand new lift at St. Alban’s, Albany. The lift provides those with disabilities access to the church’s second floor parish hall. St. Alban’s also added an ADA-compliant bathroom in the recent renovation. Stickney is St. Alban’s former rector and Campbell is Interim Rector.

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Stewardship: The Vocation of Becoming Community

By Jennifer Kitt

At the May 5 Visioning Conference, Bishop Marc invited us to join in the cosmic walk and imagine how we fit in that beautiful, awesome creation. As we watched our new Bishop walk a circle around us within the sanctuary of Grace Cathedral, he reminded us of Carl Sagan’s statement, “We are all made up of star stuff.” Then Bishop Marc asked us to imagine what the Beloved Community of our diocese might become, with all that star stuff to build it.

In my discussion group, we shared stories of where we’d come closest to experiencing a community that is beloved and empowering. Together, we noticed that community is a place where we help one another uncover our own vocations. It is a group that watches for the star-stuff shimmer and helps each individual notice it, too.

I remembered how the ten individuals in my Bible study group (Education for Ministry) was this sort of beloved community when they helped me discern a career change. I was a corporate lawyer at that time, but discovered that I enjoyed working on stewardship in our church. So, how do we become a beloved community, where the gifts of all the members are used in life-giving ways for each person and God’s world? Fredrick Buechner defines vocation in his wonderful book, Wishful Thinking. He reminds us that the word “vocation” is from the Latin vocare, to call, and it means (such as ego, society, and responsibility) calling us to all different kinds of work. Unlike these voices, God calls us into a place of abundance where “your deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet.”

I long for our congregations to become places where we can help one another listen for that call. We need beloved community to help us listen, because the world is a noisy place and our vocation may not be obvious. Becoming communities that do this is essential, because without our part of the Body of Christ, we are missing a hand or an eye or an ear. We limit a whole world of abundance when we fail to notice our unique vocations. But when our community empowers us to find and use our vocations, then our own “deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet.” Abundance, indeed.

To uncover our life-giving work, we need circles of discernment for everyone in our churches — and for the churches themselves. For individuals, we must find those groups where space is made for listening to one another and to God and where members feel safe to consider what makes them come alive. Then we must find ways to offer our gifts and, in doing so, feed God’s world.

At the congregational level, we must also ask ourselves, “In this time and this neighborhood, what is God’s dream for this church?” As we ask these questions of ourselves and our congregations, God’s vocation for the Beloved Community of the Diocese of California will become increasingly clear. Our shared work will be a shining, star-stuff beacon calling us to that abundant place where gifts are offered and received, and all are delighted.

Jennifer Kitt is the volunteer chairperson of the Department of Stewardship in this Diocese. If you are interested in ideas for bringing these questions to your congregations, contact the staff stewardship officer, David Abernethy-Deppe, david@dodiocal.org, 415.869.7813, to arrange up to 20 hours of free consultation.

Psallam Choir Festival

On November 17, 2007, Grace Cathedral will host a choral festival based on the Psalms and centered on North America’s rich musical heritage, in celebration of the 80th anniversary of the Royal School of Church Music (RCSM). The festival is led by RCSM President Cynthia De Dakis, Canon Director of Music Jeffrey Smith (Grace Cathedral, San Francisco), Director of Music Matthew Burt (Christ Church, Portola Valley), and Associate Rector Jane McDougle (St. Bede’s, Menlo Park). Singers will prepare by learning notes from Psallam, the festival music book, in advance so that they may work on interpretation during the workshops. Workshops will include a musical training schemes for adults and children, the psalms as literature and liturgy, and a leadership program for musicians. The day will conclude with a service of lessons and psalms from Psallam at 3 p.m.

Together, we can end homelessness.

In 1983, ECS started with a few cots in the basement of Grace Cathedral. Today, ECS helps over 4,500 people each year with comprehensive programs to prevent and end homelessness. ECS services include shelters, supportive housing, senior services, the Skills Center, and CHEFS program.

For more information go to our website at www.ecs-sf.org. To see our programs in action call Suzanne Fowler Palmer at 415-487-3736, or e-mail spalmer@ecs-sf.org.
Local AAM members meet with Bishop Marc Andrus

By George Embrom

On February 4, ten Association of Anglican Musicians (AAM) members in the San Francisco Bay Area had a unique opportunity to meet with the Rt. Rev. Marc Andrus for an evening of welcoming, connecting, and sharing food and drink. Held at the home of Jonathan Dimmock and George Embrom, the bishop and the musicians discussed the role of music in the liturgy, employment issues and concerns, musician-clergy relationships, and working together towards a common mission in the diocese.

At this unusual gathering, Bishop Marc shared his understanding of the how lay musicians make huge contributions to the parish, to the diocese, and to the national church. Music is a means to an end — service to the world. Future plans are for an annual meeting to consider other issues facing church musicians, such as creating spaces for music with children.

St. Luke’s Auxiliary Helps Ensure Emergency Care to 28,000 Patients Annually

The Auxiliary at St. Luke’s Campus of California Pacific Medical Center is holding their 56th Annual Musée at the Palace Hotel, San Francisco, on Wednesday, October 24, 2007. This daytime Island-inspired fundraiser, Life is One Long Weekend, will include a fashion show by Tommy Bahama of the City’s Westfield Center, an exotic luncheon, entertainment provided by the St. Luke’s Emergency Department jazz band, and live and silent auctions.

June Campbell, St. Stephen’s Church, Belvedere, and San Franciscans Anne Holly, St. Luke’s Church, Debbie Nocero, St. Aidan’s Church, and Marie Smith, Pat Taylor and, Ede Zollman, St. Francis Church have been working diligently with Maria Vicente-Puletti, St. Luke’s Auxiliary President on the event. St. Luke’s Auxiliary recognizes the fact that emergency medical care is an essential service for all members of a community. And they are joining the efforts of St. Luke’s Campus of California Pacific Medical Center in embarking on an Emergency Department redesign and rededication. This will help ensure that over 28,000 patients who come yearly to the St. Luke’s Campus for urgent medical aid will receive the prompt attention they deserve in an environment of competency and caring, continuing St. Luke’s proud and long history of assistance to each and every person entering its doors.

For further information, contact the St. Luke’s Campus Volunteer Services office, dancag@sutterhealth.org, 415.748.1416.

Eat In to Help Out or, Have a Dinner Party — Make a Difference!

Eat In to Help Out is when you host a dinner (or lunch or some meal) for your friends, and then everyone puts the amount of money they would have spent “eating out” into a pot and you all decide where to send it to “help out” against global extreme poverty (send it to Episcopal Relief and Development, make a micro-loan through Kiva.org, give to Episcopal Charities, etc.).

It’s a concept that originated with the young adult community at St. Mark’s Cathedral, Minneapolis. Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation (EGR) did a test drive of a national “Eat In to Help Out” night on 07/07/07 and more than 200 people gathered in parties across the country raising more than $3,000 for the MDGs.

Would you like to Eat In to Help Out? Here’s how:

STEP 1: Instead of going out to eat, invite your friends to come over to your apartment or house. Ask them to bring the money they would normally spend going out to eat.

STEP 2: Once you have set the date, go to the EGR online map (egro.org/eho/index.html) and register your party so we can track all the different places that are hosting.

STEP 3: Enjoy a great meal together, using some simple resources from E4GR.org to have a discussion about global poverty and the MDGs.

STEP 4: Take the money you would have spent “eating out” and “help out” - give it somewhere to help make the MDGs happen. You can give online to Episcopal Relief & Development, find a microfinance project on Kiva.org, give to something you’re already involved in — it’s your choice.

STEP 5: Get on the map again. Log into our online map (egro.org/eho/index.html) and record where the dinner was, how many attended, how much money was raised, and where the money was given.

STEP 6: Reflect on what you learned. Did you learn something new? Share it with a new group of friends. Maybe even host another dinner... When we’re all done we’ll have a big map of all the places that “ate in,” all the places in the world that were “helped out, and a running total of diners and how much money we raised. Not a bad night’s work!

The idea for these dinners is to be a low-key way to engage people one on one with the MDGs. They don’t have to be huge, or a big deal — invite three or four folks over, or eight, whatever works for you and your friends. You can invite friends who are already working with the MDGs or people who have never heard of them before. Sound like fun? Great!

Multifaith leaders to fast for peace, end to Iraq war

Leaders from many religious communities have urged Americans of all faiths to fast from dawn to dusk on Monday, October 8 to call for an end to the war in Iraq.

“This war must end!” say the religious leaders in their statement about the interfaith fast. “We must end the shattering of Iraqi and American lives by offering American generosity and support — but not control — for international and nongovernmental efforts to assist Iraqis in making peace and rebuilding their country, while swiftly and safely bringing home all American troops.”

Bishop Christopher Epting, the Episcopal Church’s ecumenical and interfaith officer, is among those religious leaders supporting the event.

“Surely the one thing people of faith can do together to work for peace is to use the ancient spiritual disciplines which we share in common,” said Epting. “Prayer and fasting together, particularly during times of the year when a number of our traditions mark major holy seasons and days, seem pretty basic. I hope many Episcopalians will join this nationwide effort.”

The religious leaders are inviting millions of Americans to organize joint interfaith events in local communities to fast and break the fast together. Events can be registered at interfaithfast.org where groups can find a toolkit to assist in organizing such gatherings.

“American culture, society, and policy are addicted to violence at home and overseas,” says the organizing statement. “In our time, the hope of a decent future is endangered by an unnecessary, morally abhorrent, and disastrous war. Ending this war can become the first step toward a policy that embodies a deeper, broader sense of generosity and community at home and in the world.”

Debbie Nocero (left), June Campbell (right), and Pat Taylor.

The Church and the World

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Diocesan House News

Diocesan House Moving to Bioplastics
by Mary Beth Brown

The diocesan office has begun using “bioplastic” spoons made from potato starches and hot/cold cups made from “Bagasse,” a sugar cane derivative. Both materials break down quickly in high-heat commercial composting systems, such as those offered in San Francisco and Berkeley. As the current stock of conventional plastic knives and forks is used up, these items will also be replaced by the bioplastic versions.

The downside of these items is that they do not break down quickly in the lower-heat home compost pile, nor will they break down quickly in standard landfills, where oxygen levels are too low to allow for decomposition. Until more communities have access to high-heat composting, these products may not be the best choice for your congregation. The Bagasse cups also feel just a bit “soft,” so we may replace them with a compostable paper version.

The office has been using recycled paper for several years now and also recycles most paper, soda cans, water bottles, and the like; paper plates such as those manufactured by Chinet are made from 99% recycled material and can themselves be recycled. As standard incandescent light bulbs burn out, they are being replaced by compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs). The office kitchen is switching over to vegetable-based surfactant dish soap (brands include Method and Seventh Generation) for our mugs, serving pieces, and other reusable kitchen items.

Some articles for reference:
- General Composting Information for San Francisco: http://www.sfenvironment.org/our_programs/topics.htm?ssi=3&ti=6
- Compostable Bags and Other Products: http://www.sfenvironment.org/our_programs/interests.html?ssi=3&ti=6&ki=18


McAlpen Takes Sabbatical
By Sean McConnell

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**Washington’s Cathedral College to Host Spanish Preaching Course**


“Biblical Preaching: A Hispanic Approach” (for Spanish-speaking preachers) will be a comprehensive introduction to the art of biblical preaching offering a definition of biblical preaching and a method of biblical interpretation for preaching. Participants will explore how to preach some of the most common biblical forms, such as Hebrew narrative, Psalms and Proverbs, prophetic oracles, miracles, parables, epistles, and apocalyptic texts.

The conference will be led by the Rev. Pablo A. Jiménez, an ordained minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) with more than 25 years of ministerial experience. Jiménez directs http://www.predicar.org, a bilingual website dedicated to the study of pastoral books, and co-wrote Púlpito: An Introduction to Hispanic Preaching (2005) with Justo L. González.

The conference cost $750. To register visit https://commerce.cathedral.org/exec/cop/register

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**The Synergy of Ministry**

By Julia McCray-Goldsmith

Thinking about synergy — that interrelated quality of support for congregational ministry afforded by the configuring of a new diocesan staff team — gave me pause to ask some of our Christian educators what their ministries mean for the Episcopal Church. “It is 2012 — what does ministry look like in the Diocese of California?” queried Sue Thompson, Vicar of St. Edmund’s, Pacifica.

Gathered in a cozy sunlit corner of the parish hall at St. Columba’s Retreat Center in Inverness, we found ourselves imagining ministries that are shared. “All diocesan organizations — governing bodies, commissions, departments, agencies — will have as a core value the expansion of ministry opportunities,” dreamed Commission on Ministry of All the Baptized Chair Melissa Ridlon.

“We will be intentional about coming together and building community in a variety of ways — worship, shared ministry, common interest, geographical proximity — for renewal and ministry to one another and the community at large.”

We expressed hope for investment in the ministry of the laity as an engine for parish growth and the ongoing spiritual formation of Christian people. “The diocese will be overwhelmingly generous in its allocation of resources (both financial and programmatic) for preparing and supporting ministry in its various forms,” predicted Sue Thompson, and “our laity will be offered the same opportunities for ministry discernment and development as those seeking Holy Orders, with those opportunities designed for — and offered within — the parameters of their lives.”

We recognized the foundational importance of the ministry of young people. “In this diocese we will place a high value on the ministry of people of all ages and stages of life,” insist Sally Mancini. That means that children and youth, as well as adults of all orders of ministry, identify, prepare for, claim, and are celebrated in the ministries they are called to.

In this hoped-for scenario, we would certainly continue to pursue excellence in our traditional programs for Christian education — that is, congregationally-based Sunday school for children and adults — but it also means that we would be engaged in a continuous cycle of learning, acting in accordance with what we’ve learned, and reflecting on our actions. That requires communities steeped in Christian practices. We would like to listen to and pray for each other in the particular ministries we are called to.

“We will create opportunities at the parish, deanery, and diocesan level for people of all ages to explore who they are at their deepest level and in relationship with God and community,” imagined Lori Walton, Associate Rector of St. Mark’s, Palo Alto. “This would be done through methods such as guided prayer, circles of trust, mentorship, the dreaming and to contribute your voice and vision to the process. There will be chances to hear from Bishop Marc and converse about your dreams for the diocese we are becoming at Our Saviour, Mill Valley (Saturday, October 6), St. Paul’s, Walnut Creek (Saturday, November 17), St. Mark’s, Palo Alto (Saturday, January 19) and St. Paul’s, Oakland (Sunday, February 24). You are welcome to attend any of them — watch DioBytes for details.

But be forewarned: if you take part in this conversation, your voice won’t be your only means of communication! The Visioning Conference — rich in arts, music and dance as it was — was designed to be the first of many encounters with our bishop (and of equal importance, with each other) in which words are merely one of many ways of telling our story. Just as St. Francis once admonished his followers to preach the gospel at all times — but to use words only when absolutely necessary — we too are invited to express our hopes for God’s work in our diocese through media such as prayer, poetry, art and photography.

Which brings me back to the question of synergy — the whole that is more than the sum of its parts. That two plus two might equal more than four would not be news to our Christian educators. Sure, we can add — but we also know that every fragment of experience that combining arts and storytelling within a community of all ages has the potential add up to a whole people of God.

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**Evensongs +**

**St. Paul’s, Burlingame — Third Saturdays at 5pm —**

October 20 - Choral Evensong for St. Luke Evensong & Hymn Festival
December 15 - Advent Lessons & Carols
January 19 - Choral Evensong for St. Paul
February 16 - Choral Evensong for Absolution
March 15 - Meditation on Passion of Christ
April 19 - Choral Evensong for St. Mark
May 17 - Benefice Choral Evensong

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**Gunfire:** From Page 3

show up and tell others what needs to be done. So if you are in one of our cities that is plagued with violent crime, I invite you to act, yes, but listen first. This is why prayer and contemplation are important — they teach us to listen. So pray, then act, and while you are acting, why not continue to pray? If you have listened and begun to act? If so, who have you listened to? What did you do next? If you are working for an end to violent crime, let us know. We’d love to share your ideas so that the good work can spread. As for me, now is the time to act.

Sean McConnell, editor seanm@alocal.org
Being the Beloved Community
with Archbishop Njongonkulu Ndungane

Monday, October 15:
Taizé Service for Diocesan Unity
Reception welcoming Archbishop Ndungane follows the service.
7:00 p.m.: St. Paul's, Walnut Creek

Tuesday, October 16:
Beloved Community Conversation with Archbishop Ndungane
7:00 p.m.: St. Paul's, San Rafael

Wednesday, October 17:
Beloved Community Conversation with Archbishop Ndungane
7:00 p.m.: St. Augustine's, Oakland

Thursday, October 18:
Beloved Community Conversation with Archbishop Ndungane
7:00 p.m.: St. Paul's, San Rafael

Friday, October 19:
Opening Eucharist of the 158th Diocesan Convention
Archbishop Ndungane, Preacher
Reception with Salsa Music and Dancing follows the service.
7:00 p.m.: Grace Cathedral, SF

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