


SPECIAL EDITION

"Thoughts From the Hart"

 **"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,"** declares the Lord. As we draw closer to the election of a new Bishop, let us put aside our own desires and

agenda and prayerfully seek the Lord's will. These are turbulent times for the Episcopal Church; if we continue prayerfully seeking the Lord's direction for St. Michael's and for our Diocese, then all will be well. This seems so ele-

mentary and so obvious, but how many times do we try to solve our own problems unsuccessfully, until finally turning to God in prayer? Even now, as you read this, take a minute to stop and offer up our loves and our church to the Lord.

From the Editor's Desk...

The year 2006 is shaping up to be a very important one for the Episcopal Church and the Albany Diocese as well.

Several important matters will be handled at the General Convention being held in June including the election of a new Presiding Bishop. In March locally, we will be electing a Bishop Coadjutor who will replace Bishop Herzog when he retires.

With this in mind, we are providing this special edition of *The Archangel*, especially for those St. Michaelites without access to the Internet. For those with access to the Internet, this and much more can be found at the following sites:

Albany Episcopal Diocese: www.albanyepiscopalchurch.org/

Episcopal Church: www.episcopalchurch.org/

Episcopal News Service: www.episcopalchurch.org/ens/

The Episcopal News Service offers an email service where they send major church news items to those who have signed up for the free service.

In addition to providing coverage of the General Convention and election of a Bishop Coadjutor, *The Archangel* in its regular editions will be including more news related items on the Episcopal Church not usually or easily found in the secular media.

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Reconciliation Hard But Necessary ***By Daphne Mack and Mary Frances***

[Episcopal News Service] This year's Trinity Institute conference--on the theme "The Anatomy of Reconciliation -- from violence to healing"--brought together five strong voices who spoke from the crucible of their own experience that reconciliation is not easy work.

The conference, Trinity's 36th national gathering, began January 30 at Trinity Church on Broadway at Wall Street in New York City and ended February 1.

Set against what the institute called deep divisions in the United States and the world over issues of personal and cultural values, a growing chasm between the wealthy and the dispossessed, and the clash of religious traditions, the conference aimed to "explore freshly the meaning of reconciliation under these pressing circumstances," according to information on Trinity Church's website: <http://www.trinitywallstreet.org/institute/?2006>.

Keynote speakers and preachers included Roman Catholic priest and author James Alison; Bishop Michael Bruce Curry of the Diocese of North Carolina; anti-death penalty advocate and author Sister Helen Prejean, CSJ; Gwendolyn Zoharah Simmons, a professor of religion who specializes in gender issues; and systematic theologian Miroslav Volf.

"As the world and the creation lives into the loving purposes of its creator [and] as we live in the communion and love in the relationship with God and with each other, we will discover that that is the context for life that not even death can destroy," Curry said during his sermon to the gathering's opening Eucharist.

Alison said that the work of reconciliation is filled with temptations that can distract us from its main goal.

"Faced with the various extremely painful and distressing circumstances in our lives and in our world where reconciliation is needed we run the great danger, I think, of falling into the trap of seriousness and even worse of talking

morals," he said during his talk on January 31.

Simmons, who also spoke on January 31, said that reconciliation creates justice. "A part of our struggle, as people of faith, is to create a world where people are judged by their deeds, not by their ethnic, religious or sexual labels--in brief, a world of justice," she said.

Volf spoke of his attempt to love the men who interrogated him during his military service in the former Yugoslavia.

"At times it would not have taken much to get me to switch sides except that loving those who do me harm was precisely the hard path Jesus called me to follow," he said.

Prejean told her audience on February 1 that reconciliation must begin by trying to understand other people's life circumstances. She said she never really understood the poverty of New Orleans until she moved into a housing project near her convent.

"It was witnessing their suffering that transformed me," she said.

From the Editor's Email



To realize the value of a sister: ask someone who doesn't have one.

To realize the value of ten years: ask a newly divorced couple.

To realize the value of four years: ask a graduate.

To realize the value of one year: ask a student who has failed a final exam.

To realize the value of nine months: ask a mother who gave birth to a stillborn.

To realize the value of one month: ask a mother who has given birth to a premature baby.

To realize the value of one week: ask an editor of a weekly newspaper.

To realize the value of one minute: ask a person who has missed the train, bus or plane.

To realize the value of one-second: ask a person who has survived an accident.

To realize the value of a friend or family member: lose one.

Time waits for no one.

Treasure every moment you have.

You will treasure it even more when you can share it with someone special.

Share it with the Lord.

Origin and Source Unknown

This story appeared in *As It Was Foretold* on bigshinything.com on January 19, 2006

Bible gets it right re: odd couples in the animal kingdom.

The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, the calf and the young lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young ones shall lie down together, and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, and the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den. Isaiah 11 : 6-9

A Tokyo zoo reports that a snake is co-habiting with a hamster which was initially introduced to its tank as lunch. The bizarre

pairing joins the now-famous odd couples of a year-old hippo and a 107-year old tortoise in Kenya and the tigress that adopted an onyx back in 2002.

"I have never seen anything like it," a zookeeper at the Mutsugoro Okoku zoo said, adding that the hamster was known to



fall asleep sitting atop the snake. The hamster was initially offered to Aochan, the two-year-old rat snake, because it was refusing to eat frozen mice, the Associated Press reports. As a joke, the zookeeper said they named the hamster Gohan - the Japanese word for meal.

A Brief History of the Albany Episcopal Diocese —

Taken from the Diocesan website at www.albanyepiscopaldiocese.org

The mission of the Church of England in what is now the Diocese of Albany began in 1674 with a chaplain assigned to the English garrison at Albany. He made occasional visitations by traveling up the Hudson River from New York City. In 1704, in response to the petition of five Mohawk chiefs, the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel sent two missionaries to the Indians in the wild Mohawk Valley, where the first Anglican church building was erected in 1711. It became the base from which further missions to the Indians spread.

Meanwhile, in 1708 another S.P.G. missionary settled in Albany and his coming marked the founding there of the Diocese's oldest parish, St. Peter's. He extended his ministry to nearby Schenectady, and by 1763, St. George's Church was built in that town. In 1765 the

last of the colonial parishes, St. John's in Johnstown, was established. By the beginning of the Revolutionary War, Anglican missions were springing up in surrounding counties. However, the War proved disastrous to the English Church which for almost ten years after remained leaderless and disorganized.

With the formation of the Diocese of New York in 1785 (comprising the entire state), the Church began to reorganize its scattered life. By 1790, during the "Second Great Awakening" expanded missionary activity, begun under strong episcopal leadership, was largely sustained by a vigorous laity. By 1810, 14 priests served 25 parishes in buildings made possible by grants from Trinity Parish, New York City.

In 1868, nineteen counties in

the northeastern quarter of the state were organized into the Diocese of Albany. Its first Bishop, William Croswell Doane, was elected in 1869 by a convention of 62 priests and 127 delegates. Bishop Doane's principles and personality had a profound and enduring effect upon the character of the Diocese of Albany. He organized the newly formed Diocese after the English model with a Cathedral See, and his "high" Churchmanship found expression in his establishment of St. Agnes School, The Child's Hospital, a community of women religious, and St. Margaret's House and Hospital for Babies.

Bishop Doane served until 1913. There have been six subsequent Bishops of the Diocese of Albany, each with a unique and devoted service to the people of God, clerical and lay.

Nominees for 26th Presiding Bishop Named

The Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop has announced the names of those bishops it will place in nomination for election as 26th Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church.

The nominees' names will be formally submitted to the General Convention at a joint session on June 18, 2006, the day prior to the day appointed for the election of the 26th Presiding Bishop by the House of Bishops.

The bishop elected will succeed the 25th Presiding Bishop,

the Most Rev. Frank T. Griswold III, whose nine-year term concludes later this year.

The 26th Presiding Bishop will be installed November 4, 2006, at Washington National Cathedral.

The nominees are:

**The Rt. Rev. J. Neil Alexander,
Bishop of Atlanta**

**The Rt. Rev. Edwin F. Gulick,
Jr., Bishop of Kentucky**

**The Rt. Rev. Katharine Jefferts
Schori, Bishop of Nevada**

**The Rt. Rev. Henry N. Parsley,
Jr., Bishop of Alabama**

More from the Press Release on the Nominees

Here follows additional information from the press release issued by the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop.

The Committee is grateful to all those bishops who were willing to be considered for nomination. The grace with which those bishops considered entered into discernment with the Committee is a witness to the faithful ministries each has offered to the Church and a sign of the enduring health of our Church.

The discernment process included a Call to Discernment, an initial questionnaire, interviews with references for all those whose names were submitted, interviews with those selected for further consideration, and site visits with those who continued in consideration. At its January 20-22, 2006, meeting the Committee then made the determination to nominate these persons.

The Committee consists of 29 persons - a bishop, clergy and lay person from each of the nine provinces of the Episcopal Church, elected by the House of Bishops, and two young persons appointed by the President of the House of Deputies. The Committee has met five times and sub groups have been on interview teams across the Church.

We have discovered in our work together that our love for the Church and our affection for one another have been strengthened in common prayer, in reflection on the ministry given each of us and in the effort to respond to the challenge God and the Church have placed before us. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve the Episcopal Church in this way. Our nomination of these persons is presented as a report of the whole Committee and without reservation.

Background, medical and psychological examinations were conducted for all those nominated.

We believe any of the persons named, if elected, and with God's help and the prayerful support of the church, can provide the leadership required in the Episcopal Church at this time. We commend these nominees to the Church and ask that prayers be offered for them, for the Bishops at General Convention who will elect and for the Deputies who will be asked to consent to the election. Most especially we ask prayers for the Epis-

From the Editor's Desk...

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To accomplish this, we are using information from the Episcopal News Service, the Episcopal Church and the Diocesan website. We will also use items found in the traditional secular press and articles of value from other Internet sources.

Beginning on this page and continuing through page 7 we are providing information on the Joint Nominating Committee's selection of nominees to be Presiding Bishop and biographical information on the nominees. These biographies have been compiled by the Episcopal News Service.

There are eleven nominees for Bishop Coadjutor and a biographical sketch of each can be found beginning on page 10. The nominees' responses to questions from the committee can be found on the diocese's website at: www.albanyepiscopaldiocese.org.

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copal Church and its leadership and for its continuing ministry among the peoples of the several countries it serves in the name of Jesus Christ.

The Committee held its final meeting January 20-22 at the Duncan Conference Center, Delray Beach, Florida, and there completed the work required of it by the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church. Provided that there are no circumstances that would require our meeting prior to General Convention as a Committee, we will next present ourselves to the General Convention at the time designated to formally place these persons in nomination.

The House of Bishops, at its September 2005 meeting, resolved that the House will consider only those additional nominations by Bishops or Deputies to the 2006 General Convention that are made with time sufficient to conduct the background, medical and psychological examinations required of all nominees. It has set a date of April 1, 2006, for receipt of those nominations, which shall be considered nominations from the floor.

Such nominations are to be made in writing to the Bishop Co-Chair of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Presiding Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Peter James Lee, and assent must be received in writing by the Bishop so named.

Former Choir Boy Leaves Church 18 Million Dollars

[SOURCE: Grace Cathedral] Grace Cathedral in San Francisco has received a gift valued at \$18 million, the largest in its history, the Very Rev. Alan Jones, the cathedral's dean, has announced.

Henry William Edwards Jr. willed real estate to the church several months ago, according to church spokesperson Brent Andrew. That real estate was sold, the proceeds going to benefit the church. Edwards joined the Grace Cathedral choir in 1925 as a young boy, according to the church. When his voice changed he left the choir, but its memory apparently did not leave him.

"This generous gift takes us much further than we expected to be at this point in our development work and we are grateful for it," said Jones. The gift, Jones said, would provide the basis for an endowment. It is intended to pay for maintenance and restoration of the church buildings and grounds.

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The Rt. Rev. J. Neil Alexander, Bishop of Atlanta

John Neil Alexander, 52, was elected the ninth bishop of the Diocese of Atlanta on March 31, 2001. He was ordained to the episcopate and installed on July 7, 2001, at the Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta. He serves a diocese of some 55,000 members in 93 congregations.

Alexander has served the wider church as a presenter to the 2005 meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council. During the summer of 2005, he visited the Diocese of Atlanta's mission personnel who serve in the Dioceses of Central Tanganyika and Dar es Salaam in the Anglican Church in Tanzania. He serves as chair of the Episcopal Church's Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, as a regent of the University of the South (Sewanee), and as a member of the board of the Archives of the Episcopal Church. He has also served on the board of the General Theological Seminary.

He is most recently the author of "This Far by Grace, A Bishop's Journey Through Questions About Homosexuality," as well a number of publications in the fields of liturgics, homiletics, sacramental theology, and pastoral practice.

At the time of his election as bishop, Alexander was the Norma and Olin Mills Professor of Divinity at the University of the South School of Theology and was priest in charge of St. Agnes' Church in Cowan, Tennessee. Previously he served as the Trinity Church Professor of Liturgics and Preaching at the General Theological Seminary in New York, during which time he also served in a variety of parish settings. He has also taught at Yale, Drew, and Wilfrid Laurier Universities.

He received a B.A. in music from Moravian College (1976), followed by a master's in music from the University of South Carolina (1979). He earned an M. Div. from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary (1980); and a Th.D. in liturgics from General Theological Seminary (1993).

Formerly a Lutheran pastor, he was ordained in the North Carolina Synod of the Lutheran Church in America and served Faith Lutheran Church in Murray Hill, New Jersey, and then as professor of Liturgics and Spirituality and Dean of Keffer Memorial Chapel at Waterloo (Ontario) Lutheran Seminary.

Alexander was born January 23, 1954, in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and has been married to Lynn Tesh Alexander, a pediatric nurse practitioner, since 1976. Their children are John Jr., Kelly and Mary Catherine.

The Rt. Rev. Edwin F. Gulick, Jr., Bishop of Kentucky

Edwin Funsten "Ted" Gulick, Jr., 57, was consecrated the seventh bishop of the Diocese of Kentucky on April 17, 1994, at St. Stephen Baptist Church in Louisville, Kentucky.

As the Diocese of Kentucky's bishop, Gulick is chief pastor to its clergy, 36 congregations and about 10,600 active members. He has served two terms on the SCEIR (Standing Committee on Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Relations), co-chaired the Anglican Roman Catholic Dialogue (ARC-USA) from 1997 to present, and served as one of the Episcopal Church's representatives on the Consultation on Church Union (1995-2000). In 2001, he was also appointed by Archbishop George Carey to serve on IARCCUM (International Anglican Roman Catholic Commission on Unity and Mission), an ongoing commitment.

Gulick was appointed by former Presiding Bishop Edmond L. Browning to investigate, along with Bishops Mary Adelia McLeod and Rogers Harris, issues of alleged misconduct involving bishops. He also served on Committee 22 of the General Convention in 2000, which dealt with all questions related to human sexuality; co-chaired the General Convention cognate committee on Ecumenical Concerns; and served on the Member Advisory Committee for the College of Bishops, the Staff College of Bishops' "The Bishop as Recruiter" and the Staff College of Bishops conference for new bishops and spouses/partners.

At the time of his election as bishop, Gulick was rector of St. Stephen's Church in Newport News, Virginia, for 11 years. Previously he served as rector of Grace Church in Elkridge, Maryland, and as assistant at Trinity Church in Towson, Maryland. He was ordained deacon in 1973 and priest in 1974.

He received a B.A. from Lynchburg College (1970); an M.Div. from Virginia Theological Seminary (1973); and honorary D.D.s from Virginia Theological Seminary (1994) and the University of the South (1995).

Gulick was born July 27, 1948, in Washington, D.C. and has been married to Barbara Lichtfuss, who teaches middle school students at the Anchorage Public School, since 1970. They have three adult children, Jennifer Gulick Amos; Robin K. Gulick, a seminarian at Virginia Theological Seminary; and a son, John E. Gulick. The Gulicks first grandson, Samuel Joseph Gulick, was born on January 12 of this year.

The Rt. Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Bishop of Nevada

Katharine Jefferts Schori, 51, was consecrated the ninth Bishop of Nevada on February 24, 2001. She serves a diocese of some 6,000 members in 35 congregations. Jefferts Schori is the first woman selected as a nominee for Presiding Bishop.

Her service to the wider church includes current membership on the Special Commission on the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion; the Board of Trustees, Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, California; the CREDO Advisory Board; the House of Bishops peer coaching program; the General Board of Examining Chaplains; the Board for Church Deployment; the House of Bishops' Pastoral Development, Racism, and Planning Committees; the Court for Review of a Trial of a Bishop; the Episcopal visitor team for the Community of the Holy Spirit; and the Bishops of Small Dioceses group.

From 2001-2003 she was a member of the 20/20 Strategy Group, and served as secretary of the House of Bishops Ministry Committee at the 2003 General Convention.

She is the author of "When Conflict and Hope Abound," Vestry Papers (March-April 2005); "Building Bridges/Widening Circles" in *Preaching Through Holy Days and Holidays: Sermons that Work XI*, Roger Alling and David J. Schlafer, eds. Morehouse (2003); "Multicultural Issues in Preaching" in *Preaching Through the Year of Matthew: Sermons That Work X*, Roger Alling and David J. Schlafer, eds. Morehouse (2001); and "The Nag" in *Preaching Through the Year of Luke: Sermons That Work IX*, Roger Alling and David J. Schlafer, eds. Morehouse (2000). Her Maundy Thursday sermon was included in *What Makes This Day Different?* by David Schlafer, Cowley (1998).

She is an active, instrument-rated pilot with more than 500 hours logged.

At the time of her election as bishop of Nevada, Jefferts Schori was assistant rector at the Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan in Corvallis, Oregon, where she also served as pastoral associate, dean of the Good Samaritan School of Theology, and priest-in-charge, El Buen Samaritano, Corvallis. She was ordained deacon and priest in 1994. Prior to ordination, she was a visiting assistant professor at Oregon State University's Department of Religious Studies, a visiting scientist at Oregon State University's Department of Oceanography, and an oceanographer with the National Marine Fisheries Service in Seattle.

She received a B.S. in biology from Stanford University, 1974; an M.S. in oceanography from Oregon State University, 1977; a Ph.D. from Oregon State University, 1983; an M.Div. from Church Divinity School of the Pacific, 1994; and a D.D. from Church Divinity School of the Pacific, 2001.

Jefferts Schori was born March 26, 1954, in Pensacola, Florida. She has been married to Richard Miles Schori, a retired theoretical mathematician (topologist), since 1979. They have one child, Katharine Johanna, 24, who is a second lieutenant and pilot in the US Air Force.

The Rt. Rev. Henry N. Parsley, Jr., Bishop of Alabama

Henry Nutt Parsley, Jr., 57, was elected bishop coadjutor of the Diocese of Alabama on January 9, 1996. He was ordained and consecrated on September 28, 1996, in Birmingham, Alabama, and became the tenth Bishop of Alabama in 1999, overseeing 92 churches, eight campus ministries, and several institutions which serve some 35,000 Episcopalians in the northern part of Alabama.

He is the chair of the Theology Committee and a member of the Planning Committee of the House of Bishops. He has chaired the Standing Commission on Stewardship and Development since 1998 and the Church Pension Fund's Abundance Committee since 2001. He serves as Chancellor of the University of the South, Sewanee and as a member of the Board of Regents of the university. He has been a preacher on the Protestant Hour and active in many outreach ministries of the Episcopal Church including serving on the Board of the Presiding Bishops Fund for World Relief (now Episcopal Relief and Development). He served as a deputy to General Convention in 1982, 1985 and 1994.

At the time of his election Parsley had been the rector of Christ Church, Charlotte, North Carolina, for 10 years, and served on the Diocesan Council, the AIDS Ministry Task Force, the Department of Stewardship, as dean of the Charlotte Convocation, a member of the Board of the Thompson Children's Home and Vice President for Church Relations of the Alumni Council of the University of the South. He previously served as rector of St. Paul's Church, Summerville, and All Saints Church and Day School, Florence, and as assistant rector of St. Philip's Church, Charleston, and Trinity Church, Myrtle Beach. In the Diocese of South Carolina he was president of the Standing Committee, Chair of the Youth Department and Division of Stewardship, a Cursillo spiritual director and E.F.M. (Education for Ministry) mentor, and served two terms on the Diocesan Council, and the Board of Trustees of the Porter Gaud School. He was an Examining Chaplain for nine years.

He received a B.A. (magna cum laude with honors in English) from the University of the South (1970) and an M.Div. from the General Theological Seminary (1973). He was ordained to the diaconate in June 1973 and to the priesthood in April 1974. He has studied at Oxford University in the areas of spirituality and soteriology, and received an honorary D.D. from the University of the South (1998).

Parsley was born October 29, 1948, in Memphis, Tennessee, and has been married to the former Rebecca Knox Allison of New Orleans since 1970. They have one son, Henry Nutt, III, born in 1974.

Third Anglican - Lutheran International Commission

[**Episcopal News Service**] The Third Anglican - Lutheran International Commission (ALIC) held its first meeting at the Lutheran Uhuru Hostel in Moshi, Tanzania, between January 13 and 19, 2006, under the chairmanship of the Rt. Rev. Fred Hiltz, Anglican Bishop of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and the Rev. Dr. Thomas Nyiwe, President of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Cameroon.

The Commission has been established by the Anglican Consultative Council and the Lutheran World Federation to continue the dialogue between Anglicans and Lutherans on the worldwide level which has been in progress since 1970. ALIC intends to build upon the work reflected in The Niagara Report (1987), focusing on the mission of the church and the role of the ordained ministry, The Diaconate as an Ecumenical Opportunity (1995), and most recently Growth in Communion (2002), the report of the Anglican - Lutheran International Working Group (ALIWG), which reviewed the extensive regional agreements which have established close relations between Anglican and Lutheran churches in several parts of the world.

(These include the Meissen Common Statement (1988) between the Church of England and the Evangelical Church of Germany, the Porvoo Common Statement (1996) between the British and Irish Anglican Churches and the majority of the Nordic and Baltic Lutheran churches, the Reuilly Common Statement (1999) between the British and Irish Anglican Churches and the French Lutheran and Reformed Churches, Called to Common Mission between The Episcopal Church (USA) and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the Waterloo Declaration between The Anglican Church of Canada and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada and Common Ground (2001) between the Anglican Church of Australia and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Australia.)

The Commission identified the key issues on which it would have to focus in order to advance Anglican - Lutheran relations around the globe, including ques-

tions such as the place of the historic episcopate within the apostolicity of the Church, life and work in the service of the Gospel and theological education and formation. ALIC will also pay special attention to the regional and contextual aspects of Anglican—Lutheran relations, and the way in which regional agreements may be encouraged, and assisted to come into relationship with one another.

The Commission were pleased to have the presence of both co-chairs of the All Africa Anglican - Lutheran Commission (AAALC) at the meeting. As a consequence of hearing about the nature of co-operation between Anglicans and Lutherans in Africa, ALIC encourages AAALC to move forward to its next meeting at the earliest opportunity. Whilst both Communion have expressed full visible unity as an ultimate goal in the ecumenical quest, the time would nevertheless seem ripe for Anglicans and Lutherans throughout Africa to discern a realizable first step in that direction. ALIC offers its support in this task.

The meeting was hosted by the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) in co-operation with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania. The Commission was welcomed by the Rev. Fredrick Shoo, Assistant to the Lutheran Bishop of Moshi, and worshipped with the Lutheran cathedral congregation on Sunday 15th January. The Commission also visited the Anglican Cathedral in Arusha, and were welcomed by the Rt. Rev. Simon Makundi, Anglican Bishop of Mount Kilimanjaro, and members of his team.

The Commission is planning to meet next year (2007) in Niagara Falls, Canada. ALIC gives thanks to God for all that has been achieved in Anglican - Lutheran dialogue and co-operation, and asks that all Christian people pray for the work of the Commission as it seeks to carry forward the search for the full visible unity of the Church which is God's will for his people.

Those present at the meeting at Moshi were:

Anglicans:

The Rt. Rev. Fred Hiltz, Anglican Church of Canada (co-chair),
The Rev. Dr. Charlotte Methuen, Church of England,
The Rt Rev. Musonda T S Mwamba, Anglican Church of Central Africa,
The Very Rev. Prof William H. Petersen, The Episcopal Church (USA),
The Ven. Dr. Cathy Thomson, Anglican Church of Australia,
The Rev. Canon Gregory K Cameron, the Anglican Communion Office (co-secretary).

Consultants:

The Rev. Canon Dr Alyson Barnett-Cowan, Anglican Church of Canada,
The Rev. Dr. Günther Esser, the Old Catholic Churches of the Union of Utrecht.

Guests :

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Sebastian Bakare, Anglican Co-Chair of AAALC,
The Rt. Rev. Dr. David Tustin, former Co-Chair of ALIWG.

Lutherans :

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Nyiwe, Cameroon (co-chair),
Prof. Dr. Kirsten Busch Nielsen, Denmark,
The Rev. Dr. Cameron R Harder, Canada,
Landesbischof Jürgen Johannesdotter, Germany
The Rev. Dr. Päivi Jussila, Finland (replacing the Rev. Helene Tärneberg Steed, Sweden) ,
The Rev. Sven Oppegaard, The Lutheran World Federation (co-secretary).

Consultants:

Prof. Dr. Kenneth G Appold, Institute for Ecumenical Research, Strasbourg, France,
The Rev. Thomas Bruch, The Lutheran Council of Great Britain

Guests:

The Rev. N P Phaswana, the Lutheran Co-chair of AAALC

Administrative support was provided by Ms. Sybille Graumann, of the LWF and the Rev. Terrie Robinson, of the Anglican Communion Office.

Anglican Women's DVD Promotes Gender Balance

[**Episcopal News Service**] With the soon-to-be released DVD "Shall We Gather: Anglican Women Together," Anglican women have taken another step toward making their voices heard loud and clear.

"Shall We Gather: Anglican Women Together" documents the 2005 gathering of the Anglican Communion's delegates to the 49th session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW). With the leadership of Anglican Women's Empowerment (AWE) and in partnership with the Office of the Anglican Observer at the United Nations and the Office of Women's Ministries of the Episcopal Church, a delegation was formed for the historic 10-year review of the Beijing Platform for Action (BPfA).

Called "a resource for dialogue on a Christian response to injustice in the world," the DVD and its study guide "are intended as a vehicle for putting faith into action through the framework of the BPfA and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)," according to the guide.

Viewers are invited to watch "to pray together for all God's creation, and to explore the question that Angela King, former UN assistant secretary general and special advisor on gender issues, raises: 'While progress (toward gender equality) has been made, the challenge to women, and particularly to Anglican women, is how in my situation, my country, my diocese, how can I make this a reality?'"

In the film, UN Secretary General Kofi Annan addresses some practical ways of doing the work. They include:

- * **Strengthening girls' access to secondary as well as primary education**
- * **Guaranteeing sexual and reproductive health rights.**
- * **Investing in infrastructure to reduce women's and girl's time burdens.**
- * **Guaranteeing women's and girls' property and inheritance rights.**
- * **Eliminating gender inequality in employment.**
- * **Increasing women's share of seats in national parliaments and local governments.**
- * **Redoubling efforts to combat violence against girls and women.**

"Women bring a much needed balance to the decision making table," said Phoebe Griswold, wife of Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold and catalyst of the AWE group. "They bring their concerns and agendas which are less about borders and boundaries than about human welfare."

Anglican women began to make their voices heard at the UN in 2003, when a small group attended the annual meeting of the UNCSW. By 2005, the delegation had grown to 85 women from every part of the globe.

"This is the only gathering of so many women in the Anglican Communion and the most fully representative of Anglican provinces," said Griswold. "It's a historic moment in the life of the Communion."

During the 2005 session of the UNCSW, the delegates focused on the implementation of the BPfA with regard to the well-being of their communities, the Anglican Communion, and the world. At the conclusion of the session, the Anglican delegation drafted a resolution for gender equality that was presented to the Anglican Consultative Council (ACC) in June 2005 and passed unanimously.

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Bishop Coadjutor Nominees

Rev. Dr. Tory K. Baucum

Fr. Tory Baucum teaches at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, KY in the Beeson International Center and serves Alpha International as an Associate Missioner. His teaching and research focuses on the historical and cultural contexts of the Christian mission as well as the spirituality of mission. Fr. Baucum has served churches in the dioceses of Arkansas, West Missouri and Lexington. He was educated at Criswell College (B.A.), Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry (M.A., M. Div.) and Asbury Theological Seminary (PhD.). He is married to Elizabeth Tyndall, Esq., and they have three daughters: Isabelle, Amelia and Bridget.

The Rev. Dr. Canon Christopher A. Brown

Fr. Christopher Brown is Rector of Trinity Church, Potsdam. He studied Asian religions at Amherst College before coming to faith in Christ in his early twenties. He received his M. Div. from General Theological Seminary and a PhD. in Systematic Theology from Union Theological Seminary. He has served parishes in Manhattan and in Westchester and Ulster Counties. He is Provincial Chaplain for the Community of St. Mary, diocesan Canon Theologian, head of the northern Deacon School faculty, author of this year's diocesan canonical exams—and a jazz guitarist. He and his wife, Starr, have two children, Nathaniel and Amelia.

The Rev. Scott M. Harding

Fr. Scott Harding is the rector of The Church of the Messiah in Glens Falls. He has been involved in the leadership of the diocese in a variety of roles including his present service on the Standing Committee and the Diocesan Council. He is a graduate of Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry (M.Div.) and a student in the Doctor of Ministry program at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. He and his wife, Kim, have been married for nearly 16 years and have four children: Jonathan, C.C., Spencer, and Mary Brigid.

The Rev. Dr. William R. Hinrichs

Fr. William Hinrichs is Rector of St. George's, Clifton Park. Since 1987, I have served the Diocese in a variety of capacities, including the Commission on Ministry, Dean of the St. Lawrence Deanery, Chair Clergy Wellness Committee, Beaver Cross, Happening, Strategic Planning Committee, Diocesan Education Committee, Cathedral Chapter and Deputy to General Convention. I teach Anglican Polity for St. Bernard's Institute. I served as Spiritual Director for Episcopal Engaged Encounter and as Chaplain to the Community of Saint Mary. My wife, Barbara, and I have been married for twenty-seven years and have two grown children.

The Rev. Dr. Canon Stephen Holmgren

Fr. Stephen Holmgren has been rector of two parishes in Tennessee and Louisiana, a seminary professor at Nashotah House, and a college chaplain at Oxford University where he did seminary and doctoral studies. Presently he is Rector of Grace Church of West Feliciana Parish and Canon Theologian for the Diocese of Louisiana, a GC Deputy and on Standing Committee. He and Martha have three sons: Per, aged 24; Anders, 21; and Hans, 18. Also: raised in Japan; extensive speaking experience teaching parishes and clergy; spirituality faculty member for CREDO; author of the New Church's Teaching Series book, *Ethics After Easter*.

Bishop Coadjutor Nominees

The Rev. Walcott W. Hunter

Fr. Walcott Hunter, a lifelong Episcopalian, has lived in four dioceses, raised in the Diocese of Rochester, and earned an M.Div. from Nashotah House. He served a two year Curacy in Medina, Washington. Ten years as Vicar in northern Wisconsin, serving on the Commission on Evangelism and Renewal, sub-chair on the Commission to Revise Diocesan Constitution and Canons, Commission on Aging, Executive Board and Dean of the Northwoods Deanery. In June 1998, he became Rector of St. Paul's, Kinderhook. While in Kinderhook, he has served the Diocese of Albany on Diocesan Council, Examining Chaplains, and the Commission on Theology.

The Very Rev. William H. Love

Fr. Bill Love is Rector of St. Mary's, Lake Luzerne, where he has served since 1992. Prior to that, he was the Dean's Vicar at the Cathedral, and an Air Intelligence Officer in the Air Force. He is the Dean of the Southern Adirondack Deanery, member of the Standing Committee, Diocesan Council, Healing Ministry Team at the SLC, and Priest Associate of the Community of St. Mary in Greenwich. Past Ministries include Happening Spiritual Director and Deputy to General Convention. He and his wife, Karen, have been married 22 years and have two teenage kids, Chris and Catie.

The Rev. Dr. Shaw Mudge, Jr.

Fr. Shaw Mudge is Rector of Christ's Church (Duanesburg), Secretary of the Diocese, and Vice President of the Metropolitan Deanery. He is Chair of our deputation to General Convention, represents us in the Anglican Communion Network, and serves on the General Convention House of Deputies' State of the Church Committee. He serves on diocesan committees, is chief architect of the Deacon Formation Program curriculum, and has an extensive business resume. Married to the Rev'd Julia Mudge, they are the proud parents of Ruth (college graduate), Hannah (applying to seminary), and Lydia (homeschooling student, who will be a teenager in 2006).

The Rev. Dr. Michael Tessman

Fr. Michael Tessman, a priest of the Diocese of Connecticut for nearly 30 years, presently serves as Interim Rector of St. Monica's, Hartford. Having served a variety of parishes, urban and suburban, he was a professor of parish ministry at Nashotah House for six years. A native of St. Paul, MN, educated at the University of Chicago and Yale Divinity School, he earned the D.Min. in 1997, with extensive experience in spiritual renewal, congregational systems, and the ministries of healing and reconciliation. Married to Carol for 31 years, they have two children, Clare, age 27, and Aaron, 20.

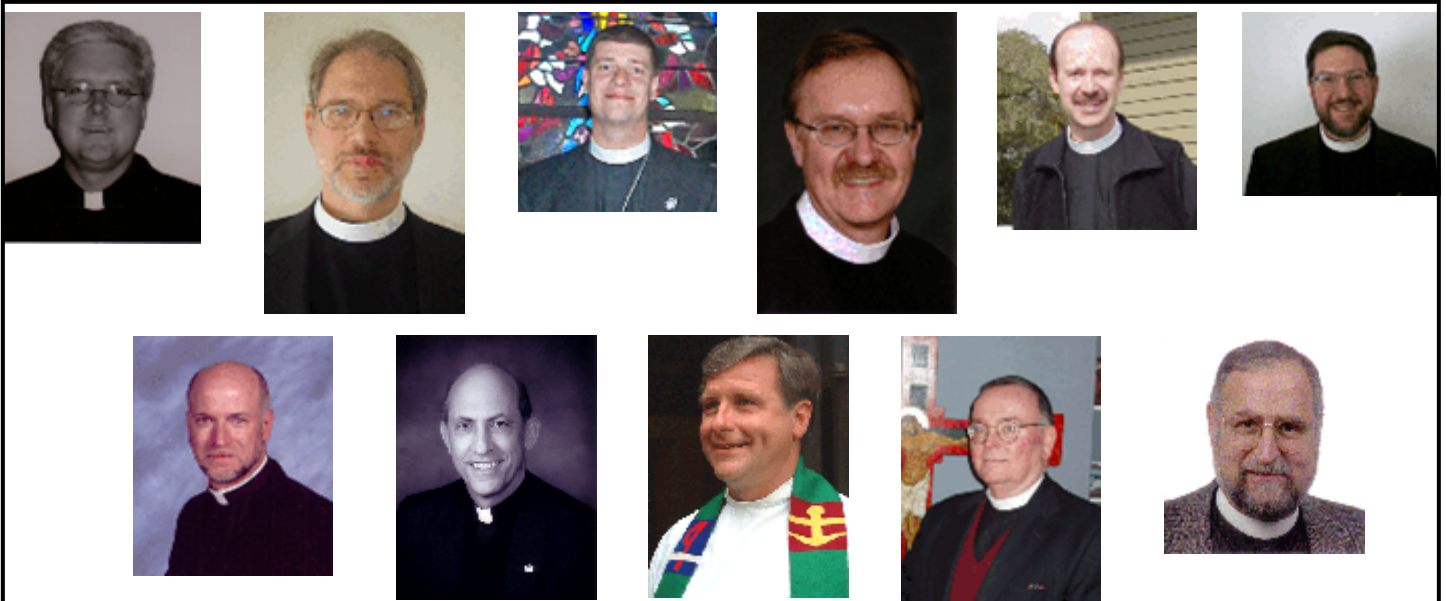
The Very Rev. Marshall J. Vang

Fr. Marshall Vang, a priest of the Diocese of Albany for nineteen years, has served as Dean of the Cathedral of All Saints and Dean of the Albany churches of the Metropolitan Deanery since 1998. His ministry has included serving as diocesan liturgical consultant, Standing Committee member, Deputy to General Convention, examining chaplain, Deacons' School presenter, Diocesan Convention steering committee, and Trustee. He now begins his tenth year as a Trustee of Nashotah House Theological Seminary in Wisconsin. Dean Vang is a Priest Associate of the Community of Saint Mary in Greenwich, New York.

Bishop Coadjutor Nominees

The Rev. Robert E. Witt, Jr.

Fr. Robert Witt was raised in NJ. Attended Alfred University where I met my wife. Commissioned as officer in US Army serving five years, including Korea and Vietnam. Resigned commission and attended General Seminary, graduating May, 1978. Vicar of yoked mission in Milo and Brownville Junction, ME. In 1981 called as Rector, Zion and Christ Church, Morris and Gilbertsville where I served until invited to be Chaplain of Saint Margaret's House, New Hartford, NY in 1987. Awarded degree as Master of Sacred Theology in May, 1989. In August 2003 began as Rector, Zion Church, Morris.



Presenting the Nominees for Bishop Coadjutor for the Albany Episcopal Diocese: Top row left to right: Rev. Dr. Tory K. Baucum, The Rev. Dr. Canon Christopher A. Brown, The Rev. Scott M. Harding, The Rev. Dr. William R. Hinrichs, The Rev. Dr. Canon Stephen Holmgren, and The Rev. Walcott W. Hunter. Bottom row left to right: The Very Rev. William H. Love, The Rev. Dr. Shaw Mudge, Jr., The Rev. Dr. Michael Tessman, The Very Rev. Marshall J. Vang, and The Rev. Robert E. Witt, Jr.

Global Anglican Conference in South America in March 2007

[Episcopal News Service, Source: Church of the Province of Southern Africa] The Archbishop of Cape Town, the Most Rev. Njongonkulu Ndungane, has drawn together a number of representatives from the worldwide Anglican Communion to form a steering committee for a major global Anglican Conference to be held in South Africa in March 2007.

The committee has been working together this week to discuss structure, vision, objectives and outcomes. The working title for the conference is 'Towards Effective Anglican Mission (TEAM): An International Conference on Prophetic Witness, Social Development and HIV/AIDS.'

The vision of the conference is that members of the Anglican Communion will

meet in a context of prayer and theology; sharing diverse experiences and views on specific social issues; renewing the church's commitment and capabilities to respond to God's call to service in the 21st Century.

At a March 2001 meeting of Anglican Primates at Kanuga in Hendersonville, North Carolina, Ndungane was entrusted with the re-

sponsibility of moving the Anglican Communion forward by addressing the vital social issues of poverty, trade, debt and HIV/AIDS, "in response to the immoral state of affairs in our world today, where so few have so much and so many, so little," a Church of the Province of Southern Africa press release said.

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2006

5 P.M.—7 P.M.

DWYER HALL

Proceeds from this yearly event benefit the youth group.

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Today you have the opportunity to be part of “*Passing on the Gift.*” The recipients of the milking animals agree to share offspring of their animals with others in need through a requirement Heifer calls “*Passing on the Gift.*” It multiplies the benefits of every donated animal while making recipients equal partners with Heifer in the fight against hunger and poverty.

Here's a story from their website at www.heifer.org:

“Passing on the gift” is fundamental to Heifer's entire approach.

As people share the offspring of their animals – along with their knowledge, resources, and skills – an expanding network of hope, dignity and self-reliance is created that reaches around the globe. These women are participating in a Passing on the Gift ceremony in Nepal, a ceremony that demonstrates the community growth through Heifer's work.

“Passing on the Gift” creates a living cycle of sustainability that develops community and enhances self-esteem by allowing project partners to become donors.



In Rwanda, Christine Makahumure showed the true meaning of passing on the gift.

In 1994 genocidal war that raked Rwanda destroyed everything Christine had. She saw her son and husband shot to death when they were caught in a crossfire. When the fighting ended, Christine was barely able to feed her daughter and parents.

But then she received a Heifer cow. The milk supplemented the family's meager diet, and she was able to buy a small home with income from selling milk.

Christine gave her first calf to a neighbor – but she didn't stop there. She provided money so her neighbors could build and apply for their own Heifer cow. And she adopted four war orphans and became a living example of passing on the gift.

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MARCH 24—25, 2006

You will be represented at the Special Convention by **Father Hart, Mother Lorri, Connie DuVerney, Sue Waldron, and David Unverhau.** They very much want your input.