

THE QUILL

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NATURAL CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

The Vestry has been invited by the Diocese of Los Angeles to evaluate the Parish using the Natural Church Development process. This includes an inventory which assesses the Parish in eight areas:

Empowering Leadership
Gift-oriented Ministry
Passionate Spirituality
Functional Structures
Inspiring Worship
Holistic Small Groups
Need-oriented Evangelism
Loving Relationships

The inventory is shared with 30 people in the parish (that is the number set by NCD) who spend an hour answering the questions. This inventory establishes a baseline for small-group discussions on all of these areas, but with a special focus on what NCD calls "The Minimum Factor" — the area perceived as needing the most work.

Many congregations in the Diocese are using this to evaluate and grow. Soon, you may receive a letter asking you to take the NCD inventory on one of several dates during the first part of June. These will be tabulated and the Vestry will receive the results at its meeting at the end of the month.

Please respond positively if asked to fill out a survey. Please do not worry if you have not been asked — we are limited to 30 (plus the Rector). Everyone will have the opportunity to participate in the discussions about the results of the inventory.

NCD subcommittee members:

Canon Newman, Susan Funk (resigned), Michael Gallagher, Stephen Hunter & Liz Mohler.

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THIS MONTH

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Holy Land Trip
June Birthdays &
Anniversaries
Phyllis on Retreat
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2nd Century Update

SUMMER CABARET—SUNDAY, JUNE 25

CANON JIM'S JOTTINGS

Dear Friends in Christ:

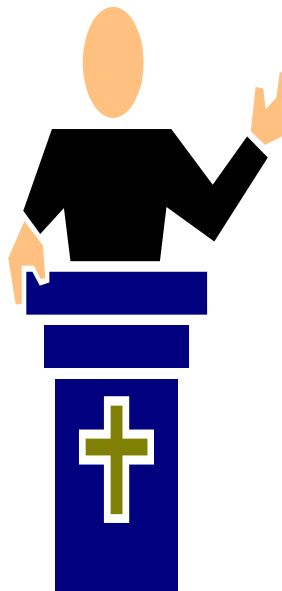
June is an exciting month for me. After services on Trinity Sunday (June 11), I will leave for Columbus, Ohio, to be part of the Deputation from the Diocese of Los Angeles to the 75th General Convention of the Episcopal Church (June 13-21).

Modeled after the structure of the U. S. Congress, the House of Deputies (clergy & lay) and the House of Bishop will look at issues facing Church and society in the 21st century.

Some of the major issues that we will deal with in the Convention:

- **Unity & Tensions within the Anglican Communion over Biblical Authority & Interpretation
- ***Proposed inter-Communion with the United Methodist Church
- ***Proposed Canon Law regarding Church Discipline and the Laity
- ***Ethical responses to issues of war, torture & terrorism
- ***New liturgies & revised liturgies
- ***The election of the next Presiding Bishop

I have often said that the General Convention is (in equal thirds) work, alumni meeting & state fair. This time, as



twice before (1985 & 1988), I am going as the 1st clergy Alternate. Being ON the deputation is a great deal more work than being a lobbyist, an exhibitor or a visitor (1979,82, 91, 94, 97, 2000 & 03).

The Church has provided a great set of seven bulletin inserts which we will use in May and the first 3 Sundays of June. You may follow the work of the General Convention at :

www.episcopalchurch.org/ens/

Furthermore, I will report on the General Convention in my sermon on Sunday, June 25. In early September, I will put out a display of all of the materials from the various Episcopal & Anglican groups represented at the convention (even those with which I disagree).

Having grown up in the Methodist Church, I am excited about the proposed relationship with the United Methodists (similar to the Lutheran-Episcopal covenant). One of my jobs will be to track all legislation relating to Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations.

Please keep us all in your prayers! In Christ,

Jim Newman+

VITAL STATISTICS

Visitors:

Shirley Nicks, Mary Speights, Mayra Hernandez, Don Simmons,
Jonna Wilkins

Please Pray for:

Fr. Giles, Tina, Fred, John, Lois, Jean, Eugenia, Dulcie, Janet, Michael,
Diane, Nabila, Jean, Harriet, Fr. John, Fr. Howard, Daniel, Joe, Wes,
Mary Jane, David, Kim, Megan, Ada, Ina, Frances, Peggy, Sandi, Kelly,
Don, Charlotte, Caleb, Dennis

Burial: Marilyn Ann Kosinski 5/13

Baptism: Soli Ann Butts 5/21

Blessing of a Marriage: Mike & Sandy Olsen 5/20

June Anniversaries:

06/10 Ronald & Kelly Zullo
06/16 Steve Vielhaber & Alice Short
06/23 Bernie & Ina Klem
06/28 Samira & Ergun Tamer

June Birthdays:

Betsy Hiteshew	06/03
Kadin James Kloss	06/05
Ed Call	06/06
Ergun Tamer	06/09
Jennine Townsend	06/10
Diane Wilson	06/13
Frank Basile	06/16
Abeer Sweis	06/20
Andrew Jackson	06/21
Bernie Klem	06/22
Blythe Jackson	06/24
Nicholas Mohler	06/26
Aaron Larson	06/26
Russell Harter	06/27
Chloe Wilson	06/29

VARIOUS MINISTRIES NEEDED

Catechists for the older students' Atrium (Fr. Jim)
 Acolytes (Michael Gallagher)
 Lectors (Dennis Winston)
 Lay Eucharistic Ministers (Fr. Jim)
 Lay Eucharistic Visitors (Annette Graw)

HOLY LAND/PETRA BECKON!

Join Canon Jim Newman & Fr. Dean Farrar (Rector, St. Francis, Palos Verdes Estates) on an 11-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Petra. Visit Mt. Carmel, Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, the Mt. of the Beatitudes, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Bethany, Masada & the Dead Sea & in Jordan: Petra, Madaba, Mt. Nebo. The trip will depart LAX on Dec. 30, 2006; cost \$2,798. Space is limited!! For more information contact the Church office.

PREPARING FOR TOMORROW

We are all aging. We have loved ones who are aging. We have friends who are aging. How do we face the various challenges & opportunities both in our growth & development and as we perceive our various ministries within the Body of Christ? The title of this series is "Planning for Tomorrow". Fr. Ron has so much information for us that he will be returning in June to complete this section of his work with us.

*6/17: From Aging to Sage-ing, Pt. 3 (Fr. Ron Erlandson)
 10 a.m. to Noon*

GUEST PREACHER

Our guest preacher on Pentecost, June 4, will be the Rev. Michael Fincher, a 2006 graduate of Seabury-Western Seminary whose Diaconal ordination is on June 3, 2006.

JUNE LESSONS

SUNDAYS

June 4 (Pentecost): (Michael Fincher) Acts 2.1-11;
 Ps. 104.25-35,37b; Romans 8.22-27; John 15.26-27;16.4b-15
June 11 (Trinity Sunday): (JN)
 Isaiah 6.1-8; Canticle 13; Romans 8.12-17; John 3.1-17
June 18 (2 Pentecost/Pr. 6): (AH) 1 Samuel 15.34-16.13;
 Ps. 20; 2 Corinthians 5.6-10,14-17; Mark 4.26-34
June 25 (3 Pent./Pr. 7): (JN) 1 Sam. 17.1a,4-11,19-23,32-49;
 Ps. 90.9-20; 2 Corinthians 6.1-13; Mark 4.35-41

WEEKDAYS

6/7 (Ember Day): (JN)
 1 Sam. 3.1-10; Ps. 63.1-8; Eph. 4.11-16; Matt. 9.35-38
6/14 — EP (Basil the Great): (MO)
 1 Corinthians 2.6-13; Ps. 139.1-9; Luke 10.21-24
6/21 — EP: (MG)
 2 Kings 2.1,6-14; Ps. 31.19-24; Matthew 6.1-6, 16-18
6/28 — EP (SS. Peter & Paul): (MO)
 Ezekiel 34.11-16; Ps. 87; 2 Timothy 4.1-8; John 21.15-19

PHYLLIS MORRISON ON THE HAWAII RETREAT

[This has waited several months due to lack of space..ed.]

The Annual St. Bede's retreat in Kaua'i, Hawai'i was, as usual, physically and mentally invigorating, but most of all spiritually stimulating. Thoughts are automatically focused on God's magnificent creation whether you are searching for whales breaching on the horizon or listening and watching the waves break on the reef. Most of all, at night one looks up at the incredible sky and feels the awesome power of God and realizes our insignificance.

Our study book was The Comforting Whirlwind: God, Job and the Scale of Creation by Bill McKibbon. We also read "Job" in the Bible. Job finally acknowledges that he may feel that he should be the center of the world but is reminded that to God everything in the created order is important. McKibbon provides explicit examples of what humanity is doing to the earth and challenges us to save the planet.. But will we? Copies of the book are available in the library.

SECOND CENTURY UPDATE

The Church is continuing to work on projects and needs your support. Some of the projects:

*Vertical Blinds in the offices & Sacristy
 Installation of remaining Outdoor Lighting
 Stripping/Refinishing Organ Console, Other Furniture
 Literature Racks in Narthex.
 Painting the Church (ext.) & Exterior Walls
 New Sign for Grandview/Charnock corner
 Stages Two & Three of Luther Hall Renovation*

We are also continuing to pay our loan from the Church Building Fund through the end of 2010.

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www.stbedesla.org
Hear Sunday's Sermon!

SERVICES & CLASSES

SUNDAYS: 8 am, Holy Eucharist (no music)
10 am, Church School & Nursery
10 am, Holy Eucharist (w/choir)
6 pm, Evensong or Evening Prayer

TUESDAYS 10 am, Morning Prayer & Bible Study

WEDNESDAYS: 7 pm, Holy Eucharist & Healing
7:45 pm, Adult Class

TUESDAY BREAKFAST & BIBLE

06, 13, 27: no hosts — Brown Bag (bring something to share)
20—Jeannette Young & Rita Miller

WEDNESDAY EVENING FORUM:

Book Study: Mysteries of Faith

06/07—Ch. 2, Holy Trinity
06/21 — Ch. 3, Creation

PREPARING FOR TOMORROW:

6/17 @ 10 am: Age-ing to Sage-ing, Pt. 3 (Fr. Ron Erlandson)

***ST. BEDE'S
VESTRY & STAFF***

RECTOR: The Very Rev. Canon James Newman

ASSOCIATE: The Rev. Argola Haynes

ASSISTING CLERGY:

the Rev. Giles Asbury, the Rev John Hancock

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Frank Basile

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VESTRY

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Jerry Hornof ('08) — Junior Warden

Joelle Underwood — Clerk

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Mike Olsen — Assistant Treasurer

Jennine Townsend — Financial Secretary

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Ricky Lewis, Jr. ('08) Liz Mohler ('08)

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Reed Wilson ('08)

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES TO CONVENTION

Kyle Ferstead (D)/Annette Graw (A) - ('07)

Frank Basile (D)/Michael Mullins (A) - ('08)