

# **FACTS FROM THE FISHERMAN**

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## **From the Rector**

Dear St. Andrew's Family,

I hope you are enjoying the summer! Many of you are on school vacations and some of you have even taken off for cooler climates. We are planning some exciting things for the fall at the parish, and are now getting ready for Vacation Bible School the last week of July. The Episcopal Church has just completed its National Convention in Columbus, Ohio.....and we are including a letter from the Convention in this newsletter. Many decisions were made at the convention and are discussed in this letter. Have a relaxing time, stay cool, and remember.....churches don't close in the summer! We want to see all of you at St. Andrew's!

*With my prayers and blessings,  
Melinda+*

## **ABOUT BEING AN EPISCOPALIAN**

### **Who Are We?**

**The following is who we are according to the Preamble to the Constitution of the Episcopal Church.**

The Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, otherwise known as The Episcopal Church (which name is hereby recognized as also designating the Church), is a constituent member of the Anglican Communion, a Fellowship within the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church, of those duly constituted Dioceses, Provinces, and regional Churches in communion with the See of Canterbury, upholding and propagating the historic Faith and Order as set forth in the book of Common Prayer.

## **DE SU RECTORA**

Querida Familia de San Andrés,

Espero que les gustaban el verano. Muchos de ustedes ahora tienen su vacación de escuela y otros han salido para los climas más frescos. Somos planeados unos programas nuevos por el otoño y el año que viene a San Andrés, y nos preparemos aquí para El Escuela Bíblica de Verano la última semana de julio. La Iglesia Episcopal ha recientemente terminado su Convención Nacional en Columbus, Ohio.... e incluido aquí es una carta en esta edición. Que todos disfrutan el verano, y les recuerden..... ¡las puertas de la iglesia no son cerradas en el verano! ¡Nos gustan ver todos de ustedes en San Andrés!

*Con mis oraciones y bendiciones,  
Melinda+*

## **DE LOS EPISCOPALES**

Quiénes Somos?

**Lo siguiente es una definición de quienes somos, según el Preámbulo de la Constitución de la Iglesia Episcopal en EE.UU.**

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La Iglesia Episcopal en los EE.UU. de América (siendo el nombre el cual se reconoce por este medio como lo que designa la Iglesia). Es un miembro constituyente de la Comunión Anglicana, una hermandad dentro de la Iglesia que es Una, Santa, Católica, y Apostólica, de esas Diócesis, Provincias, e Iglesias regionales debidamente constituidas en comunión con la Sede de Cantórbéry las que mantienen y propagan la Fe y el Orden históricos los que se presentan en el Libro de Oración Común.

## **Senior Warden Report**

Lois Crosland

I hope everyone is having an enjoyable summer so far and are finding ways to stay cool as we move into the monsoon season. I wish to personally thank those who have signed up to take care of our church grounds during these hot months. It is a hot job and becomes an even bigger task as we move into the stormy season with the winds and all the stuff that blows around. If you have some spare time and would be willing to help out please contact Sandy Davis, our Junior Warden.

Do you have a friend, neighbor or even family member who is unchurched or is looking for a church home? If so, why not invite them to come visit St' Andrew's and see what we are all about. If they have children ages 4 through 12 and are looking for something creative or constructive for them to do this summer ask them to join our Vacation Bible School (VBS) from July 24th through 28th. VBS is being held in the evening which makes it more convenient for families that both adults work outside the home and otherwise wouldn't have a way to get the children to a daytime activity.

Congratulations to our newly confirmed, received and reaffirmed members. Ted Warlick held series of Confirmation Classes this year and on Saturday, June 3, the following members were confirmed at the Regional Confirmation held at Trinity Cathedral: Patty Emanuelson, Bobby Heaton, Don Palm, Terry Ruth, Mary Warlick, Kristen Willie, Mel Willie. Also being received that day was Bryan Reynoso and reaffirmations were Jary Engels and Sandy Davis.

## **Junior Warden Report**

Sandy Davis

A HUGE "Thank You" to everyone who has participated in mowing the lawn and keeping up the church grounds this summer.

## **Stewards of the Future**

Connie Kentfield

What we do (or do not do) affects the future. We all know this. Look back on your life and see when even a one second change would have put you in a different time or place with different people. That is true for people, businesses, and institutions or organizations.

It is time for us at St. Andrew's take a hard look at the facts of our past, present and the potential of our future.

**Fact:** We had 18 months (a year and a half) without a priest. If we had not been blessed with talented leadership in our Senior Warden and Vestry we probably would have withered and died. They worked full time jobs and still gave a lot of sweat, energy, and time to us. We had superior Supply Priests to bring God's word to us. We jogged along.

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**Fact:** We didn't have a priest to develop and implement educational programs, special services, etc. We had good social events, but we began drifting apart or away. There was no one whose full time job was St. Andrew's and its congregation. We jogged along.

**Fact:** Our volunteer and financial support of St. Andrew's began to slide. We had those steadfast folks who worked hard and gave hard, but overall we began to slip. Maybe the thought was that until we get a priest the church doesn't need as much money. For some reason it's so easy to forget that like us or a business, the church has to have money for utilities, salaries, taxes, insurance, etc. We seem to forget that if we want what the church provides we have to pay for it. And we get really upset when we're reminded of that. We jogged along.

**Fact:** God has blessed each and every one of us with the financial resources needed to pool and keep this church, our church viable and in good repair. It's just that it's still in our pockets and not in the offering plate. We can each give an extra dollar a week or five dollars a month or more. It doesn't sound like much, but pooled together it adds up. Then when it's time to renew our pledge we will realize that we can pledge that extra. It's time to stop jogging and get ready to run a bit.

**Reality:** Last month we had to repair the gas lines at a cost of about \$5,700. Fortunately, some members have been regular contributors to the building fund and we were able to pay this bill. This month we have learned that one of the air conditioners on the parish hall must be replaced and the other needs work. We don't have an estimate yet, but a guess of \$7,000. Maybe more-maybe less. This, too, will come out of the building fund, which will then be depleted. We will have just a few thousand to make mortgage payments and cover any other unexpected repairs. We need to each reach down and contribute to keep that fund viable. If not we could have some hot meetings coming up.

God led us to an excellent priest who is working so hard to bring us back to life. We need to support her with our presence, our volunteer time, and with our dollars to the church.

When I accepted the responsibility of Stewardship I vowed to myself that I would not hound you for money. I hate that and I will not do it. I will, however, remind you that money does not just fall out of the air and into the St. Andrew's bank account. The electric or telephone companies don't say "Oh, that's a church. We won't charge them." We have bills to pay, a rector to pay, and on and on. We the congregation are in fact the "employer" that provides the financial resources to write the checks. And whose money is it really? All things come from you, oh Lord, and of thine own (only) do we give to you."

Think about it.

## **St. Andrew's Vacation Bible School!**

Louise Bowles

We are going full-speed ahead on our destination-course to adventure in order to present the love of God to the youth in our neighborhood and beyond! Come explore "1 Corinthians 13" with us and find the treasures that await there, just for you.

During the evenings of the week of July 24-28, 2006, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., children between the ages of 4-12 will be coming to Son Treasure Island. In a fun and exciting atmosphere children will have a great time singing, creating crafts, playing games, enjoying snacks, learning about the special qualities of God's love and hearing how much God loves each of them.

God's love is giving, kind, caring, forgiving and forever. We hope to see many new faces joining us on our trip! The ticket to adventure is just \$10.00 for the whole week, and you can sign up by calling St. Andrew's (623-846-8046) or stopping by our Parish Hall between services on Sundays, between 10:30 and noon, 6300 W. Camelback, Glendale. Bon Voyage!

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**Christian Education News**

Louise Bowles

**LIVING THE GOOD NEWS!**

This fall we will be combining our Spanish kids and teachers with our English kids and teachers! Hooray! We will have a brand new program called "Living the Good News". All classes will be speaking English, but with good planning and God's help, everyone will have the confidence needed to make this change.

Here are some of the benefits of using Living the Good News lectionary-based curriculum to keep in mind:

1. Scripture based - Covers almost the entire Bible in a three-year cycle using the weekly Sunday lectionary readings.
2. Easy-to-use & Age-appropriate - Steeped in a rich understanding of how people learn at different ages and stages of life.
3. Flexible & Fresh - The material is well suited to both large and small parishes and a variety of classroom situations. New session plans for each quarter so we get the best and most timely materials possible.
4. Growth for teachers - Provides scripture backgrounds and meditations for our teachers' own study and reflection before class.
5. Connects class and home - Participant materials at every age level build a bridge between learning in the classroom and everyday life.

IMPORTANT: Every student must pre-register so that we can order the needed materials and have them in time for classes to begin on September 10th. Please look for our Sunday School Class Registration to begin in August, and make sure that your kids are signed up EARLY!

**Young Adult Activities**

Sandy Davis

Two of our teenagers or young adults if I may, are camp counselors at summer camp this summer. Heather Engels is in Connecticut for nine weeks and Lauryn Hopper is at Chapel Rock in Prescott for six weeks... Way to go St. Andrew's. Lauryn's time is all volunteer in order to meet her requirements of 900 hours of volunteering in two years (which this will complete) for a scholarship. She also volunteered at John C. Lincoln Hospital this past year for 9 hours every Friday. I thank Diane and Jary Engels for the care and teachings they have given all our children in the spirit of Christ and the support they give these teenagers.

**St. Andrew's Altar Guild Notes**

Hope Warlick

**Have you noticed the beautiful floral arrangements since Mother's Day? Who does these beautiful arrangements each week?**

The floral arranger is our own Phyllis Widowski who attends the 8:00 service with her husband Ray. I know there are two Phyllis' at the 8:00 service; how do you tell which one? Phyllis Widowski sits on the sacristy side of the church.

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The flower chart in the narthex is waiting to be filled with your special dates on it. The cost is \$30 per week. These arrangements last the whole week if we put them in the refrigerator between Sunday and Wednesdays. If there is a particular one you have enjoyed or you want a particular group of flowers arranged, please call Hope Warlick and let her know. There are pictures of the arrangements that have been done by Phyllis on the board in the parish hall.

**Would you like to learn to arrange flowers with Phyllis?** Your opportunity is coming! AUGUST 5<sup>th</sup> is the parish wide training date. Phyllis will be available for training and St. Andrew's will supply the flowers. Your arrangements will be on display in the church the next day.

**Come join our altar guild team. We train you to “set the table” and to care for the altar. Please contact Hope Warlick.**

## **Scrapbooking**

Barbara Fabre

Our St. Andrew's Scrapbooking “Club” is growing by leaps and bounds! We invite anyone who is interested in the craft of scrapbooking to join us for our next gathering on July 29<sup>th</sup>. We meet in the parish hall from 9:00 AM to about 4:00 PM which really isn't enough time, but oh well, there's always another day.... like August 26th!

We share ideas and supplies. Everyone is willing to stop and help another scrapbooker and of course we laugh until we can't stop!

If you are a scrapbooker or want to be, please join this fun bunch of gals! Bring your lunch and your pictures!

## **Les Chapeaux Rouges**

What an evening we had on June 25<sup>th</sup>! We were picked up by two silver limos at the church and swept away to the Casino Arizona in Scottsdale. We were met by several customer service personnel to shower us with gifts and champagne! They reserved seats for us at a fantastic buffet dinner and we had the best seats in the house for the Showstoppers show. We were treated like princesses.... which is befitting our group!

July should prove to be a busy month too. On the 15<sup>th</sup> we are presenting Connie Kentfield with the best Hawaiian Birthday Party ever! Hope to see you all there! On the 30<sup>th</sup> we will be going to the Arizona Broadway Theatre for luncheon and a performance of “The World Goes Round” which should be a lot of fun! AND that's what we are all about...having fun!

August starts out with another trip to see the good Sister in “Late Night Catechism 1” (date to be announced). If “1” is as funny as “2” was, Ladies hold on to your red hats! Then Movie Night VI will be a Lady Lois' home on the 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. The movie will be Bruce Almighty. Remember to bring your favorite movie snack and wear your Red Hat Jammies!

We'd like to welcome a new member to our group, Cynthia Keslinger. She jumped in with both feet and fits in like she's been a member for two years! Welcome Cindy! You too are welcome to join us. All you have to do is contact Barbara or Mary Lou.

Written with Hattitude,  
Rosey the Queen Mum  
*Barbara*

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## Chancel Choir News

Don Palm, Minister of Music

The chancel choir members celebrated their past season of Sunday choral support by attending a Jazz Brunch at Johnny's Uptown Restaurant on Camelback and Central. A jazz duo was on hand and provided great music to enjoy the very tasty food items from the buffet. The choir now has the summer months off until September but the Maestro will provide soloists and instrumentalists when possible.

Our choir still needs to grow in numbers so if you can read music and are interested in singing in one of the SATB sections, please contact Don Palm after service on any Sunday for a brief vocal audition.

Please have a wonderful and safe summer.

## Give the Gift of Life

There is no substitute for blood. It cannot be manufactured. It is the "gift of life" that only human being can give to one another. Blood donors save lives. Several of them in fact, because each donation can be separated into different components: red blood cells, used for surgery patients; plasma, give to those who are bleeding from liver disease or severe injuries; platelets, often needed by patients with cancer; and cryoprecipitate, a special blood clotting factor used to help people with hemophilia. On Sunday, September 10 we will be hosting a Blood Drive here at St. Andrew's and invite healthy men and women who weigh at least 110 pounds and are age 17 and older to sign up.

## Save your Campbell's Soup Labels!!

Margie Murrow

Please save your Campbells, Franco-American, Pepperidge Farm, Swanson, Market Day, V-8, Prego and Pace Labels. We are collecting these to get FREE STUFF for the Children's Ministry. There is a container in the west end of McNeil Hall. If you have any questions about what part of the label to save, see the poster on the bulletin board in the same area or you may also ask Margie Murrow, Louise Bowles or Barbara Fabre. We currently have 2,100 labels!

Here's the list of Eligible Campbell products for you to refer to; **Save Front Label:** Campbell's Beans Products, Campbell's Condensed 10 oz. Soups, Campbell's Condensed 26 oz. Soups (Family Size), Campbell's Low Sodium Soups, Campbell's Fat Free Soups, Campbell's, Kitchen Classic Soups (18-19 oz. can), Campbell's Tomato Juices (12 oz., 32 oz., 46 oz., 64 oz.), Campbell's SpaghettiOs, Any Shape Pasta, Campbell's Gravies. **Save Lid:** Campbell's Ready To Serve Soups (plastic). **Save UPC Code:** Campbell's Soup & Recipe Mix (with the entire box bottom panel). **Save Front Label:** Campbell's Carb Request Soups **Save Front Label:** Campbell's Soup At Hand. **Save Front Label:** Campbell's Chunky Soups, Campbell's Chunky Soups (bowls), Campbell's Chunky Chilis. **Save Front Label:** Campbell's Healthy Request Soups. **Save UPC Code:** Campbell's Supper Bakes. **Save Front Label:** Campbell's Select Soups, Campbell's Select Soups (bowls). **Save UPC Code:** Campbell's Select Soups (carton). **Save Front Label:** Campbell's Soup To Go (tub). **Save Front Label:** Franco-American Gravies, Franco-American SpaghettiO's, Any Shape Pasta, Franco-American SpaghettiO's, in Meat Sauce. **Save Front Label:** Pepperidge Farm Soups. **Save UPC Code:** Pepperidge Farm Breads, Croutons, Rolls & Stuffing (bag, box or carton) Pepperidge Farm Cookies, Crackers, Goldfish Crackers,

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Goldfish Cookies & Snack Mixes (bag, box or carton), Pepperidge Farm Frozen Garlic Breads, Cakes, Turnovers, Dumplings and Puff Pastry (bag, box or carton). **Save Front Label:** Swanson Broths, Swanson Foodservice Broths (49.5 oz.), Swanson Canned Chicken (paper label). **Save UPC Code:** Swanson Broths (carton). **Save UPC Code:** V8 100% Vegetable Juice, all varieties (12 oz., 32 oz., 46 oz., 64 oz.), V8 Calcium Enriched 100% Vegetable Juice (12 oz., 46 oz.), V8 Low Sodium 100% Vegetable Juice (12 oz., 46 oz., 64 oz.), V8 A.C.E. Vitamin Rich 100% Vegetable Juice (46 oz.), V8 Splash Juice Drinks, all varieties (16 oz., 64 oz., 96 oz.), V8 Splash Smoothies (46oz.). **Save Front Label:** Prego Pasta Sauces (14-28 oz.), **Save Lid:** Prego Pasta Sauces (46 oz. and larger), Prego Pasta Bake Sauce (27.75 oz.). **Save Lid:** Pace Salsa, Picante and Picante Con Queso, Taco Sauces, Enchilada Sauces. Mexican Creations, **Save Front Label:** Refried Beans, Chiles Peppers. **Save UPC Code:** Taco Seasoning.

### **Newsletter Articles**

If you have anything that you would like to share with others in our newsletter please send it to Lois Crosland via email: [newsletter@standrewsglendale.org](mailto:newsletter@standrewsglendale.org) or give it to her at Church on Sunday morning. The deadline for contributions for the September/October 2006 Facts from the Fisherman will be Friday, August 25, 2006.

### **Coffee Hour Ministry**

Ted Warlick (King of the Kitchen)

"Where The Family Gathers"

The St. Andrew's Coffee Hour Ministry is seeking volunteers. Consider this ministry as a way you can serve God with your talents. There is a sign up sheet available in the Parish Hall if you wish to help with this ministry.

Also, don't be in such a hurry after the 8 a.m. and the 9 a.m. worship services to get on with your Sunday activities. We welcome everyone to come and fellowship with us, enjoy each other's company and energize ourselves and reflect on God's blessings in our lives.

Ted Warlick (King of the Kitchen) heads up the Coffee Hour Ministry. If you are interested in becoming a part of this ministry please see Ted or contact him 623-877-3890. Volunteers are scheduled on a rotating three to four month cycle.

*Ted Warlick (King of the Kitchen) Coffee Hour Ministry.*

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**Outreach Outlook**

Henri Auterino

***Back to School Kickoff***

The Bradley Academy of Excellence in Avondale is in need of our help. The academy is a charter school that serves kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade and has many students who come from economically disadvantaged families. Through the generosity of local businesses the school has acquired over 200 backpacks for the students in need. The school is now in need of our help in filling those backpacks with the essential tools to aid in each child's learning experience.

The needed for each child's backpack include:

PENCILS, ERASERS, CRAYONS, MARKERS, WIDE RULED PAPER, FOLDERS,  
RULERS, PENCIL SHARPENERS, GLUE STICKS, CHILD SAFE SCISSORS, and of  
course, KLEENEX for the occasional tears and sniffles of everyday classroom life.

Feel free to demonstrate your love of God and your compassion for those less fortunate than yourself by giving to this worthy project. These children are the future of America and deserve our help and support in attaining the best education we can help provide.

Please place the items that you can provide in the box designated for the school located in the Parish Hall. We will collect items until July 30<sup>th</sup>. On August 3<sup>rd</sup> the results of St Andrews's generosity and compassion will be provided to Bradley Academy of Excellence at "Meet the Teacher Night".

## **BISHOP'S PASTORAL LETTER, PENTECOST III 2006**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I have just returned from the 75<sup>th</sup> General Convention of our church held in Columbus, Ohio, and would like to share with you my thoughts about that meeting in the form of a pastoral letter.\*

Much legislation was enacted that will effect our life together, and I would direct you to the Episcopal Church's website ([www.episcopalchurch.org](http://www.episcopalchurch.org)) for further information and the full text of the over 300 resolutions which were considered. In this letter, I wish to focus on what I believe are the three most important actions of the Convention: 1) The election of a new Presiding Bishop, 2) The adoption of the Millennium Development Goals, and 3) Our response to the Windsor Report.

1). I have known Katharine Jefferts Schori for several years as both a friend and colleague. You may remember that I asked her to be one of my co-consecrators when I became your bishop two years ago. As a former scientist, she brings a certain calm and analytic approach to the problems of the church. She is deeply centered in prayer, but is courageous and energetic. She flies her own plane, runs marathons, and speaks Spanish. We will be well served by her. Her election was the high point of the convention and a deeply emotional moment, especially for women who just thirty years ago were admitted to the priesthood. The day after the election, many were sporting pink buttons which read, "It's a girl!" Some have asked if her election will jeopardize our standing with other parts of the communion where women cannot be ordained. That may be the case, although part of the Windsor Report calls for greater involvement of women in the life of the church.

2) Most of you probably have not heard of the Millennium Development Goals. Very briefly, this is a plan to eradicate the worst forms of the poverty in the world funded by governments, institutions, and individuals pledging seven tenths of one percent (.7%) of their income to agencies of their choice who are working on such projects as: clean water, basic health services, primary education, and medical care in underdeveloped countries. Economists have predicted that if these goals are supported, worldwide poverty could be eradicated by 2015. The United Nations has adopted this plan, and now our church has. We will ask for such a line item in our own Diocesan Budget for next year, and I would urge your congregation to do the same. Laura and I are already researching how our tithe to the church can include such work.

3) Finally, most of the media attention of last week was focused on our response to the Windsor Report, as was much of the energy of our meeting.

As you might expect, the focus of the Windsor Report debate was on the section which asked the American Church to refrain from electing bishops living in same-sex partnerships and from authorizing liturgies blessing same-sex unions, "until which time a consensus is reached in the Communion."

There were several resolutions passed in response to this request, which reaffirmed, in general terms, our commitment to the Communion, but complying with the exact words of the Report proved difficult. Very simply put, some conservatives felt that anything short of a total acceptance of the exact language of the Windsor Report did not go far enough and would come across as an example of American arrogance towards the rest of the world. On the other side, liberals felt that to agree to a moratorium towards either action would be a backing away from the decisions made in 2003, and hence a betrayal of gay and lesbian people and was therefore a resolution they could not in good conscience support.

The middle position, one which I share, was eventually adopted. It held that even if we were supportive of the actions of our last convention, we also need to do what was asked of us by the Communion and show restraint in taking further action so the dialogue could continue. It was clear that if we did not come as close to the language of Windsor as possible, then we would most likely not be invited to the upcoming Lambeth Conference and hence be excluded from the Anglican Communion. This would be a tragedy for everyone. We needed to do something to keep everyone talking. The resulting compromise, like all compromises, made no one happy, but at least is workable. It "calls for bishops and standing committees

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to exercise restraint in consecrating bishops 'whose manner of life presents a challenge to the wider church'."

I realize that some will be upset by my vote to accept this resolution. I joined with the Presiding Bishop, the Presiding Bishop-Elect and the majority of the House of Bishops in doing so, because I believe that it is not a vote about sexuality, but a vote about communion. Complying as closely as we possibly can with the Report will give our new Presiding Bishop the support she will need in order to continue to be at the table with our Anglican brothers and sisters around the world.

That is good news, but there is more: First, we made it through this convention in one piece. Even though the General Convention process has many limitations (what other legislative body in the world has over 1000 members?), and although legislation is never a good way to deal with issues which are fundamentally relational, we managed to make it through the debate and come out with a compromise position which reflects the broad middle of the church. Secondly, and perhaps more importantly, I believe we have demonstrated seriousness about being part of the Anglican Communion which will be accepted by the majority of our partner provinces.

This week the Archbishop of Canterbury acknowledged our resolve and called for further discussion leading to an Anglican Covenant, an idea which our General Convention has already endorsed. This discussion will begin next year when the Primates meet and will no doubt continue when we all meet together at the Lambeth Conference in 2008. It is clear, that for the Archbishop, the Episcopal Church is still very much a part of the Anglican Communion.

There are plenty of people hurting. Our lesbian and gay members will no doubt be saddened and disappointed by my vote. To them I offer my apology, for I know that our decision calls for their sacrifice, not mine. Our more traditionalist members may see what I have done as an expedient compromise. To them I can only give my reassurances of how much I value our place in the worldwide Communion, and how committed I am to keeping our own American church part of it.

We haven't solved the problem, but at least we have kept people talking, and as long as there is that dialogue, there is hope. As Anglicans, we have a long history of living together in diversity; we are the world's experts in finding the "via media." We've done it before, and with God's help, I believe we can do it again.

I returned from our Convention physically tired, but also spiritually energized. We have not solved all the problems of the church, and I am sure that controversy will continue. But I was also heartened by the feeling of the Holy Spirit at work—in our election of a dynamic new leader, in our greater commitment to the needs of the world, and yes, even in our struggle to find a way to turn our attention from our disagreements to our common call to the Gospel mission.

We have a great church. I am proud to be an Episcopalian, and even more proud and honored to be your bishop.

Faithfully,



The Rt. Rev. Kirk Stevan Smith

\*"The Bishop may, deliver, from time to time...a Pastoral Letter to the people of the Diocese...The Bishop may require the clergy to read the Pastoral Letter to their Congregations." Canon III. 18.5. Making copies available on Sunday morning and/or including this letter in your own newsletter are acceptable alternatives to a public reading.

## **CARTA PASTORAL DEL OBISPO, PENTECOSTÉS III 2006**

Estimados hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

Acabo de regresar de la 75a Convención General de nuestra iglesia. Tomó lugar en Columbus, Ohio, y quisiera compartir con ustedes mis reflexiones sobre esa reunión en la forma de una carta pastoral.\*

Mucha legislación fue promulgada que surtirá efecto en nuestras vidas juntos, y los dirigiría al sitio web de la Iglesia Episcopal ([www.iglesiaepiscopal.org](http://www.iglesiaepiscopal.org)) para obtener información adicional y el texto completo de las más de 300 resoluciones que fueron consideradas. En esta carta, quiero centrar en lo que creo que son las tres acciones más importantes de la Convención: 1) La elección de una nueva Obispa Presidente, 2) la adopción de los Objetivos de Desarrollo del Milenio, y 3) nuestra respuesta al Informe de Windsor.

1) Yo he conocido a Katharine Jefferts Schori por varios años tanto como amiga que como colega. Quizás recuerden que le pedí que fuera una de mis co-consagradores cuando me consagraron como su obispo hace dos años. Como una ex-científica, ella trae un cierto enfoque tranquilo y analítico a los problemas de la iglesia. Ella está centrada profundamente en la oración, pero es valiente y llena de energía. Ella pilota su propio avión, corre maratones, y habla español. Seremos servidos bien por ella. Su elección fue el mejor momento de la Convención y un momento profundamente emocional, especialmente para mujeres, quienes solo hace treinta años pudieron entrar al sacerdocio. El día después de la elección, muchos tenían puestos botones rosas que decían, “¡Fue una niña!” Algunos han preguntado si su elección pondrá en peligro nuestro prestigio con otras partes de la comunión donde las mujeres no pueden ser ordenadas. Eso podría ser el caso, aunque parte del Informe de Windsor exige más participación de mujeres en la vida de la iglesia.

2) Muchos de ustedes quizás no han oído de los Objetivos de Desarrollo del Milenio. Brevemente, éste es un plan de erradicar las peores formas de la pobreza del mundo y será financiado por gobiernos, instituciones, y personas individuales que prometen siete decimos de un por ciento (0.7%) de sus ingresos a agencias de su elección quienes estén trabajando en proyectos como: agua limpia, servicios médicos básicos, educación primaria, y cuidado medico en países subdesarrollados. Los economistas han predicho que si estos objetivos son apoyados, la pobreza mundial podría ser erradicada antes del año 2015. Las Naciones Unidas ha adoptado este plan, y ahora nuestra iglesia lo apoya. Pediremos por tal línea de cuentas en nuestro propio presupuesto diocesano para el año próximo, e instaría a su congregación a que hagan lo mismo. Laura y yo ya estamos investigando cómo nuestro diezmo para la iglesia puede incluir tal trabajo.

3) Finalmente, la mayor parte de la atención de la prensa la semana anterior fue centrada en nuestra respuesta al Informe de Windsor, como así fue la mayor parte de la energía de nuestra reunión.

Como podrían esperar, el enfoque del debate sobre el Informe de Windsor estaba sobre la sección que le pedía a la iglesia americana de abstenerse de elegir a obispos viviendo en parejas del mismo sexo y de autorizar liturgias bendiciendo uniones del mismo sexo, “hasta que se forme un nuevo consenso en la Comunión Anglicana.”

Había varias resoluciones pasadas en respuesta a esta petición, y cuales reafirman, de modo general, nuestro compromiso a la Comunión Anglicana, pero cumpliendo con las palabras exactas del informe demostró ser difícil. Puesto muy simplemente, algunos conservadores sentían que cualquier solución que no alcanzara una aceptación total del lenguaje exacto del Informe de Windsor no es suficiente y parecería como un ejemplo de la arrogancia americana hacia el resto del mundo. Por el otro lado, los liberales sentían que acordar con una moratoria hacia cualquier acción sería un retraso de las decisiones tomadas en 2003, y por lo tanto una traición a la gente gay y lesbiana, y era por eso una resolución que no podrían apoyar honestamente.

La posición media, una que yo comparto, fue adoptada finalmente. Sostuvo que aunque apoyáramos las acciones de nuestra convención anterior, también tenemos que hacer lo que se nos pidió por la Comunión Anglicana, y demostrar moderación en tomar alguna acción adicional para que así el diálogo pueda continuar. Estaba claro que si no llegábamos lo más cerca posible al lenguaje del Informe de Windsor,

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entonces sería muy probable que nos no invitarían a la conferencia próxima de Lambeth, y por lo tanto nos dejarían fuera de la Comunión Anglicana. Esto sería una tragedia para todos. Necesitamos que hacer algo para mantener a todos conversando. El compromiso resultante, como todos los compromisos, hizo a nadie feliz, pero por lo menos es realizable. Este “llama a los obispos y comités permanentes a ejercitar moderación en consagrar a obispos ‘cuya forma de vida apremie al resto de las iglesias.’”

Realizo que algunos estarán disgustados por mi voto para aceptar esta resolución. Me uní con el Obispo Presidente, la Obispa Presidente elegida, y la mayoría de la Cámara de Obispos al hacerlo, porque creo que no es un voto sobre sexualidad, pero solo un voto sobre la comunión. Cumpliendo lo más cerca posible con el Informe de Windsor le dará a nuestra nueva Obispa Presidente el apoyo necesario para continuar interviniendo con nuestros hermanos y hermanas anglicanos alrededor del mundo.

Estas son buenas noticias, pero hay más aun: Primero, sobrevivimos esta convención en buen estado. Aunque el proceso de la Convención General tiene muchas limitaciones (¿cual otro órgano legislativo en el mundo tiene más de mil miembros?) y aunque la legislación nunca es una buena manera de ocuparse de los temas que son fundamentalmente relacionales, logramos salir del debate con un compromiso que refleja la vía media de la iglesia. En segundo lugar, y quizás más importante aun, creo que hemos demostrado seriedad con respeto a ser parte de la Comunión Anglicana y que será aceptada por la mayoría de nuestras provincias socias.

Esta semana el Arzobispo de Cantórbery reconoció nuestra determinación y pidió discusiones adicionales para llegar a un convenio anglicano, una idea que nuestra Convención General ya ha acordado. Esta discusión empezará el año próximo cuando los primados se reúnan, y sin duda continuará cuando todos nos reunamos en la Conferencia de Lambeth en el año 2008. Está claro que para el Arzobispo, la Iglesia Episcopal americana todavía sigue siendo parte de la Comunión Anglicana.

Hay mucha gente sufriendo. Nuestros miembros lesbianas y gay sin duda estarán tristes y decepcionados por mi voto. A ellos les ofrezco mi disculpa, porque sé que nuestra decisión les pide su sacrificio, no el mío. Nuestros miembros más tradicionalistas quizás vean lo que he hecho como compromiso oportuno. A ellos les ofrezco mi compromiso y les aseguro de lo cuánto que valoro nuestro lugar en la comunión anglicana mundial, y de cómo estoy comprometido a guardar nuestra propia parte americana de la iglesia.

No hemos resuelto el problema, pero por lo menos hemos mantenido a la gente conversando, y mientras haya ese dialogo, hay esperanza. Como anglicanos, tenemos una historia larga de vivir juntos en diversidad; somos los expertos del mundo entero en encontrar la “vía media.” Lo hemos logrado antes, y con la ayuda de Dios, yo creo que lo podemos lograr otra vez.

Regresé de nuestra convención físicamente cansado, pero también entusiasmado espiritualmente. No hemos solucionado todos los problemas de la iglesia, y estoy seguro que la controversia continuará. Pero también estuve animado al ver al Espirito Santo trabajando – en nuestra elección de una nueva líder dinámica, en nuestro compromiso mayor a las necesidades del mundo, y sí, incluso en nuestra lucha de encontrar una manera de darle nuestra atención desde nuestros desacuerdos hasta nuestro llamado común a la misión del evangelio.

Tenemos una gran iglesia. Estoy orgulloso de ser episcopal, y aun más orgulloso y me siento muy honrado de ser su obispo.

Fielmente,



Reverendísimo Obispo Kirk Stevan Smith

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## **From Columbus: Danforth's challenge to the Episcopal Church**

[ENS] The Rev. John Danforth, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, challenged the Episcopal Church to a "higher calling" of reconciliation during the June 15 Presiding Bishop's Forum: "Toward a Reconciled World."

The forum drew an audience of more than 500 people to the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

The Episcopal New Service's Convention Nightly newscast for June 17 consists of Danforth's speech. You can find it at [http://www.episcopalchurch.org/75164\\_ENG\\_HTML.htm](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/75164_ENG_HTML.htm)

The full text of Senator Danforth's address follows:

Ladies and Gentlemen, thank you very much. Bishop Griswold, thank you for your introduction. I am a person who needs an introduction to the General Convention. This is the first General Convention of the Episcopal Church I have ever attended in my life and I am leaving tomorrow morning. I have preferred a softer and gentler version of politics.

Ladies and gentlemen, I really do come from the outside. I have never been involved in the General Convention or any other form of what you might call "church politics," and I am clearly not one of the great thinkers of the Episcopal Church. I am basically an old politician. I spent most of my life in public life or observing public life. So I come here hoping to be helpful, and maybe the most helpful thing that I can do is to try to give you some outsider's perspective on this General Convention and on our church.

Here is the world today and you know all of this: terrorists hijack our planes and fly them into buildings; car bombs explode in Baghdad; suicide bombers blow themselves and other people up in markets in Tel Aviv; rogue states seek nuclear capability and the means of delivering nuclear weapons. It's a far more dangerous and unpredictable world than it was during the Cold War, when the Soviet Union as it was, was at least predictable, and it wasn't crazy.

We are dependent, increasingly, in the United States and in the world on oil from the most unstable parts of the world. Without it, our economy, our way of life, is radically changed. The energy policy that we now have in the United States is such that it can be boiled down into hoping for warm winters and cool summers.

We're in the process now of raising the debt ceiling of the government to \$10 trillion. The federal debt has gone up 47 percent in this decade and we are increasingly vulnerable to the good will and the confidence of other countries that invest in the United States. Our two major social benefit programs are facing bankruptcy in the foreseeable future: Medicare in 12 years and Social Security in 34 years. And against this backdrop the Senate of the United States voted just a few weeks ago that the Star Spangled Banner should be sung in English. It spent three days debating an amendment to the federal constitution designed to define what marriage is and the Senate is poised later this month to take out the constitutional amendment to prohibit burning the American flag.

Last week I was in Monterey, California, on a panel speaking to about 175 officers of our military at the U.S. Naval Graduate School and Foreign Language School for Armed Forces. The main subject was the balance in national security with privacy rights. But we also talked about national defense, and we talked about Iraq, and the young officers who were there were also interested, generally, in the health of the country -- economic health, in particular, of the country. But it took place while this gay marriage amendment was being debated on the floor of the Senate, and a number of officers present asked the same question. They said, "We are at war, we've been there, we've been to Iraq." One of them said he has been there for three tours: we've been there. We're at war and how can the United States Senate be devoting its attention to the issue of gay marriage?

Now, some of these young officers came up to me afterwards and it was clear that they didn't approve of gay marriage, but they wondered how our government had gotten on this particular track at this particular time. The fact is that all of these are difficult issues, whether they are the economy or energy or certainly Social Security.

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These are very difficult issues in the best of times, but to even discuss them requires some common ground, and that common ground is provided by the center of American politics, not by the fringes, and it's the center of American politics that has eroded. And the common ground has been cut out from under us because the talking heads and the people who get the time on television and the people who are the most active and articulate in representing our political parties are on the fringes, and they don't speak for most Americans, and therefore we're at the situation of stalemate in addressing some of these issues.

Religion is either the direct cause of some of these conflicts or it contributes to the very polarization that makes addressing the conflicts so difficult. Terrorism obviously is religiously inspired; so is fighting in Iraq; so was the north/south civil war in Sudan; so was Kashmir; so was Bosnia, and on and on. People kill each other because they believe that God commands them to do so. And in our country, thank God we are not killing each other in the name of religion, but religious people acting in the name of Christ have championed the wedge issues that divide us, that cut the common ground out from under us, and make even discussing important questions so difficult. The marriage amendment, the issues of religion in public schools, the display of the Ten Commandments in court houses, the sad case of Terry Schiavo, and the list goes on.

The question I believe the Episcopal Church should be addressing is whether we as an Episcopal Church intend to be part of the problem, or whether we intend to be part of the answer, and that is the question that I ask you to think about during this General Convention and to talk about, not only in public forums but among yourselves when you're sitting at the table sharing a cup of coffee or a bite to eat: to talk about whether our church intends to be part of the problem or part of the answer.

Virtually all of the public attention on this General Convention has been on the issue of sexual orientation. I don't want to downplay that issue, because obviously, you have to deal with it and it's an important question. But I simply want to raise with you the basic question of whether that issue is truly the centerpiece of the Episcopal Church and when you're thinking about it, I ask you to consider these factors. First, it is the most divisive single issue in America today and secondly, when you think about how we're so focused on the Episcopal Church and so focused on how we deal with this issue, bear in mind that over 99 percent of the people in the United States are not Episcopalians and they really don't care, with all due respect, Bishop Griswold, who our bishops are. And they don't care whether rites for blessing same-sex relationships are found in the prayer book or on the Internet. It's not on their screen and I can't give you data relating to the three quarters of one percent who are Episcopalians, but I bet you the average person in the pew doesn't care much either.

I say this because I know you're intentionally focused on all these issues and all of these resolutions, but whatever you do on the Sunday after this Convention adjourns, all of these people including yours truly in St. Louis, Missouri, are simply going to toddle off to church on Sunday just the way we always did.

I believe that we have a higher calling. I believe that we have a more simple message and I believe that that simple message is the context in which we should see all of the issues and it's exactly the same message Bishop Griswold mentioned in his introduction. It's what St. Paul said. I believe that the central message of the Episcopal Church and of all Christians is and should be that God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself and that he has entrusted to us the ministry of reconciliation.

When Jesus prayed that we all may be one, didn't he mean it? So that to me is particularly the message of the Episcopal Church. We have always, always seen ourselves as the middle way. We have always seen ourselves as the place where all kinds of people can come together around the same altar and say the same liturgy and have all kinds of different views, all kinds of political views, theological views. That's the Episcopal Church and it's going to continue to be the Episcopal Church.

People used to say the Episcopal Church is the "Republican Party at prayer." Alas! Don't think this is some wimpy message. It's not a wimpy message. It's a prophetic message. It's a message that God is transcendent and God transcends any of our perceptions of God and that God is big enough to incorporate and encompass the perceptions of all kinds of people, even those with whom we most adamantly disagree. And if this is the message of our Episcopal Church we're no longer going to be seven tenths of one percent of the population that nobody cares about. We are going to be the church with a message that the world is waiting for; clearly, what those officers in Monterey are waiting for.

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I do believe that you do agree, that ours is a special calling to the ministry of reconciliation. I believe that you agree with that. Therefore where do we go from here? I think we should be doing two things. One, speak, and the other; act. By speaking, I mean if [it] is our view that ours is the ministry of reconciliation, articulate that point of view or as we say in politics, "roll it out." Maybe you could do that at this Convention. Maybe you could figure out some way that all of the debate could be encompassed within the concept of the ministry of reconciliation. Maybe you could figure out some way of passing a resolution that this is the centerpiece. Politicians give the answers that they want to give. I think that when people ask you about the divisive issues -- the things that are in the press -- I believe that every answer should be prefaced with the main point of our church is the ministry of reconciliation. That's what we're about.

Then I want to talk to you about the long haul, because it's one thing to pass a resolution, but most resolutions are forgotten. I've gone to political conventions. I've never participated in drafting a platform. I've never read a platform, and I've never felt bound by a platform. I invite you to join my club.

Whatever happens at this Convention, I hope that it is bringing the message of the ministry of reconciliation. Then on the long haul, the point is to stay with the message. To stay with the message, because none of the issues, even the divisive issues that you're facing and debating and you're going to vote on, they're really not going to be settled just like that. These are long-term issues and the question is whether the context is also long-term, so I hope that the next presiding bishop will take the ministry of reconciliation as a focal point. I believe that the next presiding bishop should task somebody to assume special responsibility for keeping us on message. I think there should be a whole series, over the long haul, at great venues of our church such as the Washington [National] Cathedral. I believe that bishops should pepper their congregations with pastoral letters about the importance of the ministry of reconciliation. I believe that at the parish level, there should be all kinds of forums and sermons and material available on the subject, and I think that our great thinkers should help us reclaim this ministry of reconciliation and do a much better job of fleshing it out than I could ever do.

Second, in addition to speaking about it and articulating on it: act on it. You're going to hear about mission: the mission of the Episcopal Church. This is not only important in its own right but it's important because mission is a way of looking beyond ourselves, beyond the inside baseball to the world outside.

Kofi Annan, in April, wrote a report to the General Assembly of the United Nations on terrorism, and he said there should be a highly visible constructive dialogue between respective workers and different religions. The Episcopal Church should take it upon itself to say to Secretary General Annan, "We volunteer to lead that." We could help form an interfaith mediation service to address very practical questions of the religious element of conflict, such as the application of Sharia law in Khartoum; that kind of thing. We could do that. It's a practical thing and we could do that and take the lead in that, and we do things at the local level as well.

Bishop Smith had been our bishop in Missouri for about a week, I think, and there was this hateful thing said about Muslims in St. Louis, and he convened an interfaith press conference to address it. That's the ministry of reconciliation. His predecessor, Bishop Rockwell - when he talked on the radio - shock-jocks said hateful things. He organized a press conference to address that. That's the ministry of reconciliation. I can't go through a whole list, you can think of things. But what I am saying to you is, very respectfully, if we look for things that we can do that are part of the ministry of reconciliation, we can find all kinds of specific things that we can do at the national church level and at the local level, that are far more important to most people than whoever we might consecrate as a bishop.

If God does call us to a ministry of reconciliation, how you conduct yourselves at this Convention is important, because it would be very hard for our church to present itself as a broken answer to the problem of the world. If we can't hold ourselves together, it's hard to see how we can present ourselves as a force to hold the world together, and, if we can't exchange the peace with one another, it is hard to explain to people how we purport to be agents of peace.

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A broken church is a sad church. There are these little splinter churches, and I read the paper in St. Louis in which they have little ads for so-called Anglican churches. Maybe they are. I don't know what they are. One of them meets in a mortuary and it's not one of these bright colonial mortuaries, either. It's limestone and stained wood and then the Sunday School meets for 45 minutes. The fifth graders are in parlor B. I don't want to make fun of people, but it's sad. A broken church is a sad church. Don't be a sad church. Don't go to the mortuary before it's absolutely necessary.

So I plead with you ladies and gentlemen. Figure out a way to hold this together. I don't have any specific solutions, but put whatever you do in the context of the higher calling of the ministry of reconciliation. Put that first and let everything else fall into place. If you can't resolve every difference, try to make the start at resolving some. Agree to disagree if that's necessary, and if you succeed in shifting the emphasis of this church to the ministry of reconciliation and closing the differences that separate you, you will deliver a powerful message that will spread well beyond the Episcopal Church, and it's a message for our little corner of Christianity that will be heard all over the world. It is the message that we have heard: the call to the ministry of reconciliation, and we are answering that call.

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**BIRTHDAYS**

July 13 – Vicki Lee	Aug 8 – Dick Fields
July 14 – Carol Cross	Aug 9 – Elsa Conrad
July 17 – Don Palm	Aug 9 – Olive Hunt
July 17 – Ariel Conrad	Aug 16 – Mark Davis
July 17 – Steve Sharley	Aug 20 – Justin Viehweg
July 18 – Connie Kentfield	
July 20 – Bobby Ashby	
July 23 – Karen Shembab	
July 24 – Walter Tillman	
July 24 – Sandy Davis	
July 25 – Cullin Dobson	
July 27 – Tom Cooper	
July 29 – Claudina Gianoli	
July 30 – Sharon Nichols	
July 31 – Corrina Willie	

**ANNIVERSARIES**

July 19 – Ted & Hope Warlick	Aug 9 – Jerry & Grace Overton
July 24 – Peter & Barbara Fabre	July 27 – John & Joanne Schartow

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