

Trinity NOTES

February 19, 2012

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

A little while ago I had a conversation with one of the small groups regarding conversation/dialogue after the sermon. There was a general agreement that most people found this opportunity for open reflection beneficial. I have been thinking about what this might mean for our common worship and for a practice of deeper formation. At this point I am not prepared to propose something formal after every sermon, but I do want to be very encouraging of an openness to the Holy Spirit.

So what might this mean? I would like to propose that the period of salient reflection that happens when the sermon is ended and before we stand to say the Nicene Creed also be a time for you to consider whether or not you might have any questions based on what was discussed in the sermon.

This process that I am suggesting is not as structured as other parts of the liturgy but I want to give you an open invitation to raise a question or share a comment that you feel is from the Holy Spirit and would benefit the entire congregation from hearing it. Those last two points are important and rely on a certain level of self awareness and spiritual maturity. In other words, this is not a time for you to explore personal disagreement or issues. Rather, this would be a time for you to be used as an instrument of God for edification of the entire body of Christ.

This is a process not unlike one which is practiced by the Society of Friends (Quakers) where the movement and voice of God is found within the collective context of corporate worship.

I invite your prayerful participation as we open ourselves to this hear God in this way at Trinity.

Yours In Christ,

Pastor Cass

LAST WEEK'S VITALS

TITHES & GIFTS

1. Last Sunday's attendance: 96
2. Report of Offering, Sunday 02/12/12:

Pledge	\$4,201.50
Gifts & Plate	\$ 525.50
Flowers	\$ 35.00
Breakfast	\$ 21.00
Rent	\$ 40.00
<u>Diocesan Aid</u>	<u>\$2,500.00</u>
Total	\$7,323.00

Thanks to everyone who donated to the City of Promise!! Our efforts raised \$2,151.00!!

An Intentional Multicultural Christian Community of Reconciliation, Transformation, and Love

VESTRY APPOINTMENTS

The Vestry has the canonical responsibility to make three appointments:

1) Annual Council Representative and Alternate.

The Annual Council Representative along with the Vicar represents Trinity at the annual two-day gathering of the diocese. This meeting is held in late January and involves voting on the diocesan budget as well as any resolutions which are presented. This person is also the representative at any special conventions which may be called within the year. 2012 will include such a special convention for the election of a new Bishop Suffragan. The Annual Council Representative is also responsible for communicating with the Vestry and parish any relevant information.

2) Regional Council Representative.

The Regional Council Representative along with the Vicar represents Trinity at the four quarterly evening meetings which are held in our region (Region XV). These meetings include dinner and highlight various ministries of the 18 Episcopal churches in this region. It is also a platform for launching new efforts. The Regional Council Representative is also responsible for communicating with the Vestry and parish any relevant information.

If you think you would like to serve in either of these capacities, please pray about it and let the Vicar know before February 19th.

Thank You To All Who Made the

Mardi Gras Fundraiser

A Huge Success!

We will report next week on the about the amount of money raised and the number of attendees.

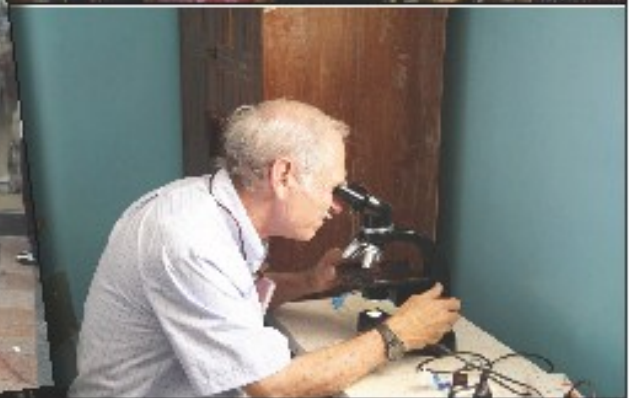
THE *Episcopal* CHURCH

February 19, 2012 – Last Sunday After the Epiphany World Mission Sunday

Today is World Mission Sunday, which is observed each year on the last Sunday after the Epiphany. On World Mission Sunday, the church comes together to focus on the global impact of our call to “seek and serve Christ in all persons” (from the Baptismal Covenant, Book of Common Prayer, p. 305), and to raise our awareness of the many ways in which the Episcopal Church participates in God’s mission around the world.

“Conversations, presentations, and workshops at the recent Everyone Everywhere 2011 Mission Conference highlighted the transformation that all those who are engaged in mission experience,” explained the Rev. David Copley, Mission Personnel officer. “Participating in God’s mission for the world transforms us as individuals, communities, and a Church.”

Copley pointed out that World Mission Sunday is also an opportunity to connect local congregations and parishioners with the wider church and its international work.



Karen North in Nzara, South Sudan (top)
Dr. Martin McCann in Dodoma, Tanzania (above)
Spencer Cantrell in Hong Kong (left)

Visit the World Mission Sunday Website

<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/page/world-mission-sunday>

Watch videos from the 2011 Everyone Everywhere conference on global and domestic mission.

View the World Mission photo gallery.

Download free resources, such as “Mission-Minded Books for Further Reading” and “20 Quick Ways to Encourage Global Mission.”

For more information, please contact Elizabeth Boe, officer for Global Networking: eboe@episcopalchurch.org.

Trinity Leadership

Lay Ministers: The Congregation

Bishops: The Rt. Rev. Shannon Johnston

The Rt. Rev. David C. Jones

The Rt. Rev. "Ted" Gulick, Jr.

Vicar: Pastor Cass Bailey

Vestry Liaisons

RECONCILIATION

Nick Garber, (2014)

TRANSFORMATION

Deborah Gille, (2014)

Jenny Holmes, (2012)

LOVE

Amy Griffith, (2013)

Erica Lloyd, (2014)

SUPPORT

Senior Warden:

Junior Warden:

Treasurer: Louise Gallagher

Music Minister: Carlton Dickerson

NEWLY ELECTED

Betty Jones, Joe Commander, Jenny Holmes,

Brian Hunt, and Joe Kopp



The altar flowers are given by Elva & Sadie Mason in memory of John Mason.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ash Wednesday Service February 22 (this week) at 6:30 pm.
- **Bishop's Visit** : Wednesday, February 29th, 6:00 pm dinner to follow.
- Lenten Program.

Lay Ministers Scheduled:

Sunday, February 19th, 2012

Lectors: Steve Neumeister; Beverly Adams

Intercessor: Nick Garber

Chalice Bearers: Kendra Hamilton; Cheryl Kasper

Altar Guild: Betty Jones; Mary Blair; Helen Plaisance

Acolyte: Donnell Douglas

Ushers: Jenny Holmes; Al Anderson

Counter: Mark Bell

Home Communion: Steve Neumeister

Greeter: Carol Fleming

Breakfast: Javier Figueora-Ray; Cj Hill; Lizzy Hill

Hospitality Hour: Kendra Hamilton; Mark McVicker;
Patricia Bailey

If you are unable to serve, please get a substitute.

Lenten Program:

What Does Transformation Look Like

Topics

- Wed., February 29 What Does Transformation look like *biblically*
Speaker: The Right Reverend Shannon Johnston, Bishop of the
Diocese of Virginia
- Wed. March 7 What Does Transformation look like *In The City of Charlottesville*
Speaker: Rydell Payne: Executive Director of Charlottesville
Abundant Life Ministries
- Wed. March 14 What Does transformation look like *Culturally*
Speaker: TBD
- Wed. March 21 What Does Transformation look like *Personally*
Speaker: Pastor Cass
- Wed. March 28 What Does Transformation look like *Eschatologically*
Speaker: Bill Wilder, Executive Director of The Christian
Study Center, UVA

Format

All but the first Lenten program will begin at 6:00 pm on Wednesday evenings with a light soup supper at 6:00 pm. The program portion will be begin at 7:00 pm and conclude at 7:45 with a chance for questions and answers.

On Wednesday, February 29th the schedule switches with the program first at 6:00 during a service with Bishop Shannon presiding and preaching. Soup Supper will follow at approximately 7:00 pm.

Bishop Suffragan Nominating Committee Announces Slate

After 11 months of prayerful discernment, the Nominating Committee for Bishop Suffragan announces the following slate of nominees:

The Rev. Randy Alexander
Rector of Christ Church, Pelham
Diocese of New York

The Rev. Canon Susan Goff
Canon to the Ordinary
Diocese of Virginia

The Very Rev. David May
Rector of Grace Church, Kilmarnock
Diocese of Virginia

The Very Rev. Dr. Hilary Smith
Rector of St. Paul's on-the-Hill, Winchester
Diocese of Virginia

The Very Rev. Shirley Smith Graham
Rector of St. Martin's, Williamsburg
Diocese of Southern Virginia

The Rev. Canon Sue Sommer
Subdean and Canon Pastor of Grace & Holy Trinity
Cathedral
Diocese of West Missouri

The slate of nominees has been received with commendation and gratitude by Bishop Johnston and the Standing Committee.

You can learn more about the candidates, plus a detailed description of the Nominating Process, in the [Final Report of the Nominating Committee for Bishop Suffragan](#). This report contains the candidates' biographies, a letter of introduction, and responses to three essay questions.

The six nominees were selected from an initial field of 78 names submitted to the Nominating

Committee last year. Of these, 38 agreed to enter into the discernment process with us. Through careful and prayerful discernment, the committee then narrowed the potential nominees over the course of several months through a review of submitted documents, telephone interviews, travel to visit potential nominees and a discernment retreat.

Additional nominations are allowed by petition from February 3 until February 13. [Learn more about the petition process on the Bishop Suffragan Search Process Web site.](#)

All nominees will visit the Diocese in March to participate in a series of walkabouts, a series of meetings scheduled to provide the Diocese with the opportunity to meet, hear from and talk with the nominees. These gatherings are open to anyone and not just to delegates to Council. These are scheduled to take place at the following dates and times:

March 19, St. Paul's, Ivy, 7-9:30 p.m.
March 20, Christchurch School, Christchurch, 1-3:30 p.m. (*Note Location Change)
March 20, St. George's, Fredericksburg, 7-9:30 p.m.
March 21, Christ Church, Winchester, 7-9:30 p.m.
March 22, Good Shepherd, Burke, 7:30-10 p.m.
March 23, St. James's, Richmond, 7-9:30 p.m.

The Transition Committee invites members of the Diocese to submit potential questions for the nominees to respond to during the scheduled walkabouts. Questions can be sent to suffragan_transition@thediocese.net, and should be submitted no later than February 17, 2012.

The Bishop Suffragan will be elected at an Electing Council held at St. George's, Fredericksburg on April 21, 2012.