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# The Vision

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### AMiA Affiliation

#### From the Rector:



Last month I mentioned in this column that some people had suggested that now that the conservative Episcopal bishops have begun to act decisively in response to the actions of their recent General Convention we might wait a bit more before joining AMiA. They suggested that we might be more comfortable under the supervision of one of these bishops. Well, this may now be our best option.

I finally found out that my theology was the reason we were not already into the AMiA. I was asked if I literally believed all of the Old and New Testament, and especially such accounts as Jonah being swallowed by a fish. I realized that I had accepted these stories as teaching great truths about the nature of God, the fall of man, etc.; however, I had never seriously wrestled with whether or not Jonah had actually been swallowed by a fish. So, my working hypothesis was - no. No, a fish had not swallowed Jonah.

I have been working on this all month, and am still working on it. I believe Holy Scripture to be the revealed Word of God, and if this is what God revealed to the author of Jonah - than this is what He revealed. After all, I don't have any problem with the miracles of Jesus. On-the-other-hand, I know that this same Holy Scripture contains metaphor and hyperbole that is also part of God's revelation.

Bishop Sandy Green listened to me as I tried to think this through, and assured me that he could explain my position in a way that would allow me to become a priest in AMiA. After all, I may be a bit left of his position, but I

am far to the right of center. However, this wasn't an option I could live with. I didn't want to come into AMiA under a cloud.

Since the parish voted to take this action at our Annual Parish Meeting in January, this matter is still in the hands of the parish. If the parish would like to pursue this matter, I am willing to step aside and remove this obstruction. AMiA is a worthy organization, and I personally admire it and its goals.

#### Homeland Security

At our last vestry meeting we found that there are ways that congregations like our can be of help to the Department of Homeland Security in the event of a national emergence such as a terrorist attack or a bird flu pandemic. Churches will always collect money, food, and clothing; however, we heard that it would also be helpful to develop an inventory of homes with an available guestroom. If you have a room that might be available in the unlikely event of a national emergency, please let us know about it and we will begin keeping this record.

#### Funerals and Weddings

Since the very first day of St. Peter's existence people have worried about how we would be able to conduct funerals and weddings without a building of our own. I was never concerned about this because for years I opened the doors of every church I ever served to help clergy whose churches were too small or not available on a given date. This is common practice among clergy and churches; however, to assure the vestry and the congregation I contacted several ministers this month, and found them more than willing to help.

The funeral homes are always an option; however, if a funeral from a church is important to you please rest assured that there are a

number of congregations in Cheyenne willing to open their doors when the need arises.

God bless you  
Fr. Skip

#### FROM THE SR WARDEN



Summer is now about half over and in many respects, it's the big half that's past – at least from my perspective. The Frontier Days experience is the summer peak for me, especially the role I play in helping the Kiwanis Club prepare pancakes for the 30 thousand plus folks who brave the morning hike and line standing to enjoy that tradition with us. My role in this process is to do the early morning hot water run. A few of us hearty souls show up at 4:30 in the morning, haul two 500 gallon water tanks into the basement of the Herschler building (below the office where I spend my normal working hours), fill the tanks with hot water from the solar heated system in that complex and haul it back to the breakfast site. Our little team is normally back on scene with the hot water by 5:00 and in the gray dawn, help get the "coffee team", the "ham cooking team" and the "pot washing clean team" set up for the day. I typically leave the site to begin my morning work schedule around 6:30, my normal work start time. I usually return to the breakfast site during an early lunch break to help with the final clean up and prep for the next breakfast, two days hence. The week passes by quickly with this routine, me rising early in the morning on alternate days and getting to bed early most evenings to either recover from the previous early morning or prepare for the next one. When it's over, I breathe a sigh of relief and refocus on other priorities in my life.

St. Peter's is one of these priorities, and a high one at that. In the margins of the past month, we have successfully completed a wonderful work project replacing the floor in a parishioner's horse trailer and made plans for two more church activities which will take place before summer totally passes us by. The first of these is a community service project we will initiate on Saturday, Aug 12 at a new operating location for the Coalition for the Homeless. You may recall that following Lamar Gordon's

leadership, we have supported the Coalition for the past few years with our weekly food collection. The new facility will be a second operating location for this group and will offer child care (for homeless children), a computer laboratory (for training and daily use for tasks such as writing resumes and conducting job searches), a sewing shop (for fabricating and repairing clothing for the homeless), a bike repair shop (for refurbishing donated bicycles for use by the homeless) and an office suite to serve the homeless in our community. The new facility is the former Naval Reserve complex located at 4700 Ocean Loop, a few blocks northeast of the corner of Del Range and College. Our initial project at this facility will be painting the entry foyer, coffee/break room and conference room. This work will be done on Saturday, August 12 from 8:00AM through noon. Breakfast will be available beginning at 7:30 and all who would like to join in this effort are welcome.

The second activity will be a parish picnic dinner to be held on Saturday, August 26 at the Lion's Park Gazebo. The Gazebo is located on the northwest bank of Sloan's lake and just west of the new Community House in the park. The easiest way to access this location is to come in from the west park entrance near the Old West Museum and park in front of the Community House. From there it is a short walk south to the Gazebo. The church will provide hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages. We suggest you bring a favorite side dish, salad or dessert. Please plan to join us for this end of summer activity and bring a friend who might be interested in joining us at St. Peter's.

Both of these activities are intended to help us live into the vision we share for St. Peter's – to reach out into our community to share the Good News in a tangible way. Be joyful in the knowledge that God has a plan for us and we are living witnesses of his love.

IHS,  
Dan

**VESTRY NOTES** The vestry meeting was opened with prayer and bible study followed by informal sharing. During this time Jim Mitchell brought up the concern about where we would hold weddings or funerals. Fr. Skip will look into this but felt confident we would be able to find a church we could rent should the need arise.

The minutes of our last meeting were accepted.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** We had a combined checkbook and money market total of \$76,593.88. All accounts are in the black and we are \$1325.34 up from last month.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Wyoming house of prayer--there are few people interested in this. Marge will call to get some information. We would like to get a few people to go and then report back.

Because of the new position in the Global Anglican Communion we might find ourselves going with a different oversight.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Workshops can be outreach. We need to pick projects that involve the parish and can be outreach to the community.

It is time to get together as a parish family. Becky suggested a barbecue. She will chair this. Dan and Marge will assist.

Our August meeting will be at Susan Oyler's home.

Respectfully submitted,  
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### ROTA SCHEDULE WITH PRAYER TEAM

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	OT LESSON	PSALM	NT LESSON	PRAYERS	CHALICE	PRAYER TEAM
<b>August 6</b>	Marge Marcewicz II Sam 11:26-12: 13a	Dan Clark (C) Psa. 51:1-12	Lu Hart Eph. 4:1-16	Susan Oyler	Marge Marcewicz Lu Hart Roger Ludwig	Stephanie Reeves Matty Ludwig LEM: Matty L.
<b>August 13</b>	Matty Ludwig II Sam 18:5-9, 15, 31-33	Linda Kidwell (C) Psa. 130	Barb Clark Eph. 4: 25-5:2	Barb Clark	Dan Clark Stephanie Reeves Susan Oyler	Marge Marcewicz Gaye Flack LEM: Lamar Gordon
<b>August 20</b>	Lu Hart I Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14	Jim Jensen Psa. 111	Marjie Klebe Eph. 5:15-20	Stephanie Reeves	Marge Marcewicz Roger Ludwig Stephanie Reeves	Lu Hart Matty Ludwig LEM: Dan Clark
<b>August 27</b>	Dan Clark I Kings 8:{1, 6, 10-11}, 22-30, 41-43	Lu Hart Psa. 84	Susan Oyler Eph. 6:10-20	Marge Marcewicz	Susan Oyler Dan Clark Lu Hart	Marge Marcewicz Matt Edwards LEM: Marge Marcewicz

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