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Rector

The Vision

The Church of St. Peter, Apostle and Confessor

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Services at LCCC, Center for Conferences and Institutes, Room 130

9 AM Bible Study, Youth Program, Sunday School, Nursery

10 AM Holy Eucharist



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From the Rector:



Now that the GAFCON Conference in Jerusalem is over and the Lambeth Conference in London is winding down I had hoped to write about the implications of what they accomplished. Well, I cannot,

and that begs the question – why?

Unless something totally unexpected happens after this newsletter goes to press it would appear that Lambeth will end with a whimper, and the Archbishop of Canterbury retiring to his study with his fingers crossed in the hope that things will hold together for another ten years. No one expected much of this meeting and it appears their expectations will be met.

Some of the members of the GAFCON Conference had hoped that Lambeth would support their intention to form a new Anglican Province in North America, however, this seems unlikely. I personally expect a couple of things to happen that are related to all of this:

1. I expect The Episcopal Church will bring formal charges against the Rt. Rev. Robert Duncan and a couple of the other bishops who have openly opposed their actions. I do not think these bishops will sit through a trial in an Episcopal Ecclesiastical Court. They would have no chance to prevail. This will force them to finally take decisive action, and leave the Episcopal Church. There are signs that this might happen before the end of the year.
2. The GAFCON leaders will form a new Anglican province in North American, and seek the approval of the Archbishop of Canterbury and a majority of the other Anglican primates. The GAFCON

primates have voiced the need for this, and several lower level leaders are urging them to act unilaterally if nothing happens at Lambeth.

News within the Church has been rather slow this summer, but perhaps that is because the real news is happening behind the scenes and we will see it all unfold later on. In the meantime I am looking forward to the Olympics. At least with the Olympics the results are settled on-the-spot and in-the-open. I like that.

God Bless you.

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AUGUST VESTRY NOTES: July's Vestry Meeting was held at the home of Senior Warden / Treasurer Jim Mitchell. Following a short bible study, informal sharing included discussion about the needs of a number of our parishioners. Also considered was the need for additional help with Altar Guild.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report. Jim Mitchell reported all is well. Pledge donations are steady and, in fact, ahead of projections. That will be helpful as we move toward church construction.

Fellowship Report. Our next fellowship function will be a Fall Potluck, most likely at Westgate, where various activities are available. Planning is getting started for a holiday event in the last quarter of the year.

Junior Warden's Report. Jim Mitchell has been contacted by the Catholic Church, which is finishing its renovating, to inquire as to whether we would like some of the furniture they will no longer be using. They also extended an invitation to do a church function together.

OLD BUSINESS

Goals. Growth by expanding our presence in the community. Comea. Our community

function at Comea serving dinner on the last Wednesday of each month continues to run smoothly. Anyone is invited to participate by signing up on Sundays at church.

Coalition for the Homeless. Dan Clark reported parishioner volunteers got about 1/3 of the playground equipment project completed the first part of July. The next Work Day will be the 2nd Saturday of August. Six strong people will be needed for this phase of the task. Dan D Rental is donating the use of equipment to assist with the requirements on this day.

Building. Jim Mitchell has been in contact with ARK. They advised if we will get plans to them by November, they will begin building in the spring.

Sign. Erection of a sign on our property east of town could conceivably take place this fall with a tangible timetable now developing. That would be cause for celebration with perhaps a gathering on site to mark the event.

NEW BUSINESS

CANA Council. Father Skip conveyed that if anyone has anything on their mind they would like for the delegates to take to or bring back from the convention, they should let the delegates know. Clergy delegates are Dan Clark and Marge Marcewicz. Lay delegates are Becky Burney, Lynnann Mitchell, and Susan Oyler. An Executive Council is being elected to represent Council when it is out of session, to conduct the day-to-day operations of CANA.

Music Program. Shari Henney expressed thanks for the new music program which was approved, as it facilitates Sunday service preparation significantly.

Ministry of Presence. Dan Clark introduced an expanded direction for ministry to provide assistance to people who could benefit from the presence of various individuals to help with assorted needs. Jim Jensen will help get this up and running.

Blessings to all, Susan Oyler,
Secretary / Clerk of the Vestry

ASSISTANCE NEEDED FOR ALTAR GUILD:

Marge and Gaye need a volunteer or two to assist with the setting up of the altar when both must be absent from Church at the same time. On the job training will be given before the need arises. Please speak with Marge or Gaye.

A MINISTRY OF PRESENCE

Part of being a deacon is being sensitive to the needs of those in our parish and in our wider community. The real challenge is to not just recognize those needs but also to identify gifts among our parishioners to meet them. Good things that we are already doing include:

- Providing snack foods for the Coalition for the homeless

What you can do: Bring snack food for our weekly contribution to the Coalition

- Providing food service support at the Comea Shelter

What you can do: Sign up to help serve an evening meal

- Providing patient support at the Cheyenne Regional Medical Center (CRMC)

What you can do: Talk to Karen Steiner about how to volunteer for this service

- Providing meditative music support for Hospice patients

What you can do: Talk to Lu Hart to learn about this ministry

- Providing support through our Lay Eucharistic Ministry Program, home and hospital visits and prayer ministry (including our prayer shawl ministry)

What you can do: Talk to Deacons Marge or Dan or Fr Skip to learn about these ministries

What other things are there that we could be doing? For one, there is the ongoing project to help construct a set of playground equipment for the Coalition Day Care Center being developed in eastern Cheyenne. This project is already well underway, but will need additional support in the next few months to complete. Much of this work will be fairly physical, but help from any and all quarters is welcome.

What you can do: Talk to Deacon Dan about needs and timing for this project

Examples of this ministry could include activities such as:

But more than this is a new focus on ministry to those among us who are in need of continuing contact and support. I call meeting this need a "ministry of presence." What this term tries to capture is the importance of being "present" with those who are in need of support. We already do a lot of this through service provided at CRMC and hospice, as well as through our Lay Eucharistic Ministry Program, but I am seeing an increased need for this ministry. We have two families in our parish which are being affected by Alzheimer's, another member who is suffering from vision impairment and there are others with a variety of other physical ailments. What I see as needed is a more organized way to can reach out to these folks and provide support to them by being "present" with them as they go through the daily trials their conditions impose on them.

- Spending time with those who find themselves isolated by infirmities (including Alzheimer's), being a helping companion with day-to-day chores that may be a burden and providing a diversion from the trials of everyday life that sometimes overwhelm such individuals
- Joining our Lay Eucharistic Ministry program with special emphasis on providing prayer and Eucharistic visitation support to home-bound, nursing home and hospital/rehab patients

What you can do: Talk to Deacon Dan about helping with this ministry

ROTA SCHEDULE WITH PRAYER TEAM August 2008

To preview the lessons, you may go to <http://divinity.library.vanderbilt.edu/lectionary/> for the Old and New Testament Readings and to www.bcponline.org for the Psalms.

	OT LESSON	PSALM	NT LESSON	PRAYERS	CHALICE	PRAYER TEAM
Aug 3	Jim Jensen <i>Genesis 32:22-31</i>	Matty Ludwig <i>Psalm 17:1-7, 15</i>	Roger Ludwig <i>Romans 9:1-5</i>	Marge Marcewicz	Roger Ludwig Susan Oyler Stephanie Reeves	Matty Ludwig Gaye Flack LEM: Matty Ludwig
Aug 10	Susan Oyler <i>Gen. 37:1-4, 12-28</i>	Shari Henney <i>Psa 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b</i>	Marge Marcewicz <i>Romans 10:5-15</i>	Susan Oyler	Jim Jensen Susan Oyler Roger Ludwig	Marge Marcewicz Caryl Marion LEM:
Aug 17	Stephanie Reeves <i>Genesis 45:1-15</i>	Nick Dawson <i>Psalm 133</i>	Lu Hart <i>Rom 11:1-2a, 29-32</i>	Barb Clark	Dan Clark Lu Hart Roger Ludwig	Stephanie Reeves Jim Jensen LEM: Dan Clark
Aug 24	Jim Jensen <i>Exodus 1:8-2:10</i>	Barb Clark <i>Psalm 124</i>	Roger Ludwig <i>Romans 12:1-8</i>	Roger Ludwig	Stephanie Reeves Jim Jensen Lu Hart	TBA LEM: Marge M.
Aug 31	Shari Henney <i>Exodus 3:1-15</i>	Susan Oyler <i>Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c</i>	Lu Hart <i>Romans 12:9-21</i>	Stephanie Reeves	Jim Jensen Stephanie Reeves Marge Marcewicz	Lu Hart Susan Oyler LEM: Marge M.

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