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Rector

The Vision

The Church of St. Peter, Apostle and Confessor
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9 AM Bible Study, Youth Program, Sunday School, Nursery
10 AM Holy Eucharist



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From the Rector:



At our Annual Parish Meeting I recall at least five significant things that happened:

1. We elected Pete Marion, Marlin Walter, Becky Burney, and Susan Oyler to serve on the Vestry. Dan Clark and Jim Krouch were reelected to serve one last year as Sr. and Jr. Wardens.
2. We unanimously voted to affiliate with the Anglican Mission in America (AMiA).
3. We received a glowing financial report from Ken Flack. (They are always wonderful when we are in the "black," and Ken has always kept us there.)
4. A motion from the floor to express our gratitude in some significant way to Bishop Bill Anderson for offering us his supervision as great personal risk was unanimously approved.
5. Everyone enjoyed a great meal and fellowship.

On January 18, 2004, when we founded St. Peter's, I had some serious reservations about affiliating with the AMiA. At that time it was not clear to me that they would be officially recognized by the greater Church as within the Anglican Communion. Some of those reservations were resolved in October of that year when Dan Clark and I attended the American Anglican Communion conference in Kansas. In talking to some of the movers and shakers in the orthodox movement it seemed that they clearly were welcoming the AMiA. This was enough to change my mind and allow me to support this action.

As if to confirm our move to AMiA I just received the following message: "**Robert G. Devlin, chancellor for the Diocese of**

Pittsburgh, (Note: He is the diocesan lawyer for Bishop Duncan, the head of the AAC.) *will remain in that office while serving as executive officer for the Anglican Mission in America (AMiA).*

The organization's website describes AMiA as providing "a way for congregations and clergy to be fully Anglican...while, at the same time, being free of the crises of faith, leadership and mission in the Episcopal Church USA."

As executive officer, Mr. Devlin will manage the "business side" of the AMiA and said he would be working with the organization's staff to "develop an infrastructure that will support our continuing expansion." He will also work closely with the AMiA's overseas supporters, which include nine primates of the Anglican Communion, who have endorsed the work of the AMiA in the U.S., and Canada and who attended the organization's winter conference in Birmingham, Ala., earlier this month.

A venture capital lawyer by profession, Mr. Devlin assumed the AMiA post on Dec 1."

This action leaves little room for doubt about the AMiA's position among the orthodox in America.

Immediately following our Parish Meeting I wrote Bishop Anderson to inform him of our action and also talked with him at length by phone. He clearly understood our situation and has sent the congregation a very supportive letter that Bob Henney, our publisher, has included somewhere in this newsletter. You will enjoy reading it.

God bless you
Fr. Skip



FROM THE SR WARDEN

Well, the Christmas holidays are over, the New Year is fast upon

us and I am excited about the many things on the horizon for St. Peter's. For starters, we have made a decision to associate with the Anglican Mission in America which will give us ready access to a bishop and a growing community of sister parishes in our region. We have also elected some new folks to our Vestry and other new leaders are coming forward to do God's work among us. In recognition of this, we are reinforcing our open invitation for additional inputs to this newsletter - for all who are in leadership positions to share what is going on in their area of service. For example, articles are encouraged about our Christian education program, our prayer ministries, our outreach and mission efforts, our music program, our building search efforts, our home study/fellowship groups, etc. There are many things going on at St. Peter's that warrant more open sharing so all will be aware of the breadth and depth of our impact on the community in which we live and serve.

One ongoing activity that I think is especially important to the future of St. Peter's, is the "Visioning" process we have been working on since last fall. Many of you have participated in this process, some by filling out surveys and others by joining in the group sessions we have conducted with the help of Rob Paris. We now have a preliminary report from Rob and our Vestry will be considering that material at our upcoming retreat in Feb to develop a draft vision for the parish to consider. The goal of this process is to more clearly articulate our vision for the future so we can best focus our efforts to do God's work both here in Cheyenne and throughout our larger sphere of influence. I ask that you keep the vestry in your prayers as we move through this process, that we will clearly feel the presence of the Holy Spirit in our deliberations and follow His guidance in our work. I encourage you all to be an active part of this process as it is presented to the parish so that together we may clearly see and then follow the path God is laying out for us.

IHS,
Dan

VESTRY NOTES The vestry met on January 10th. The following items were discussed:

TREASURER'S REPORT - presented by Ken Flack. All operating accounts are adequately funded. Excess amounts that were not spent in

2005 were moved in to the contingency fund, which is available to be used for property acquisition. Some church members have begun contributing regularly to the building fund.

JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT - presented by Jim Krouch. We are renewing our contract with LCCC for 2006 to reserve rooms for church services and Sunday School. Should we procure our own location, this agreement will be discontinued.

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT - presented by Dan Clark. Dan initiated discussion about questions and / or concerns in connection with the visioning Sessions we held with Facilitator Rob Paris from Colorado in preparation for a conference call scheduled with him later in the meeting. One idea that was put forth suggested the inclusion of column in the Vision for anyone in the church who wishes to announce any activities, discuss a topic of interest, etc. Submissions that offer constructive comment to promote the well-being of St. Peter's are welcome and invited.

RECTOR'S REPORT - presented by Father Skip. AMiA Winter Conference. As we consider our potential association with AMiA, Father Skip informed us about their annual Winter Conference which is composed of a multitude of workshops which sound very beneficial. He thinks we should encourage participation by as many church members as possible. It will not take place for several months but is an event that lends itself to attendance by laity as much as clergy.

State of the Church. Speculation is that ECUSA will "fudge" on their call to comply with the Windsor Report and the call of the Primates to repent and reform from the revisionist actions they have taken. They are likely to attempt to blur the lines, as has been their pattern to date, and though there are some Archbishops who are sympathetic to them, the Global South is not taken in and remains supportive of orthodox belief and the churches who continue to be committed to it. The Archbishop of Canterbury has written words no one is quite able to decipher. It seems likely he could invite all to Lambeth 2008 and sacrifice whatever it takes to maintain the unity of the Anglican Communion, even if it is a mythical form of alliance.

OLD BUSINESS. Visioning / Mission Process. A conference call with Facilitator Rob Paris was conducted. His observations and suggestions

were discussed. The Vestry will refine the ideas which emerged and present a vision statement and recommendations to the parish following the Vestry retreat.

Annual Parish Meeting. The Nominating Committee reported on the submission of candidates' names for the Vestry election which will take place at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 22. Ken will present the budget to the congregation at that time. We will also vote to determine if we would like to affiliate with Anglican Mission in America (AMiA). We will urge people to review their website and will take handouts to church services providing such information. The Vestry is formally recommending that we join with AMiA for pastoral oversight and connection to a larger Anglican body of like theology.

Property Acquisition. The procurement of a permanent church home is a common and prevailing desire within the Vestry and the congregation as a whole. A new committee chaired by Donna Burgess was put in place to pursue this action with renewed vigor. Assisting her will be Dan Clark, Ken Flack, Jim Krouch, and Susan Oyler.

NEW BUSINESS. Vestry Retreat. These sessions were planned for February 25, 2006, and will be held at the Abbey of St. Walburga or at Westgate, pending availability and weather considerations.

Next Meeting. Dan Clark will host on February 13th, 2006 (*changed from the 14th*).

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

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - JAN 21st, 2006

Vestry Election. Elected to 3-year terms were Becky Burney, Susan Oyler and Marlin Walter. Pete Marion was elected to a 1-year term.

Affiliation with Anglican Mission in America (AMiA). Marjie Klebe moved and Becky Burney seconded that St. Peter's affiliate with Anglican Mission in America (AMiA). Discussion ensued, resulting in a unanimous approval for this action. Bishop Anderson in Canada has expressed his willingness to transfer us to Bishop Green in Denver, should that be our choice. Father Skip will now begin the process to submit documentation to AMiA to establish he is a priest in good standing, along with a letter of transfer from Bishop Anderson. When they accept his credentials, they will bring him and us onboard as members of AMiA.

Stephanie Reeves suggested that we try to do something to show our appreciation for the support Bishop Anderson has given us these past two years. He really went out on a limb for us, at some cost to himself, and we would like to express our gratitude. There was general consensus that we proceed with plans to give him thanks.

Budget. Ken Flack presented the budget for 2006, explaining that with Vestry approval, we have been operating with a flexible budget, allowing us to adjust our funds among accounts, as needs dictate. This method has worked very well for us, allowing us to accumulate a sizable amount to allot to property acquisition. Authorization has recently been extended to Ken to transfer funds as deemed advantageous to and from our money market account to maximize interest-earning potential.

Other Business. Property Acquisition. Donna Burgess is heading a new committee, joined by Dan Clark, Ken Flack, Jim Krouch, and Susan Oyler, to search for a permanent church home. There are a couple of churches which are likely to be vacating their buildings in the foreseeable future, so those possibilities are being explored. Another piece of property north of town with an exceptionally large house and acreage is being considered as well. Further follow-up on the American Cancer Society location will be pursued, should it appear there is anything to be gained by such action.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan B. Oyler
Secretary / Clerk of the Vestry

THE CHURCH SEARCH

Just a quick note for this issue of the Vision regarding our "Church Search"..... Not a whole lot new at this juncture, but have several irons in the fire that could develop. A number of us from the Vestry went to see a house that I thought might be a possibility. However, we all pretty much agreed that although there was potential, the flooring was uneven enough (several levels with a step here or there involved) that made it NOT user friendly. But there are still two other possibilities that we have not given up onactual churches that are or may be for sale, the ACS (American Cancer Society building) on Ridge Road is still

for sale. They turned down our first offer, but we might make another "go at it". Also understand that Christ Lutheran Church on Nationway has now officially been asked to join the Congregation at Ascension Lutheran, so am planning to stay on top of any progress there. At any rate, I am DETERMINED and COMMITTED and will keep hunting!!!. If any of you see ANYTHING that may look possible, please let me know and I will investigate it immediately. Do keep this in your prayers and know that HE will help us find something if we just KEEP THE FAITH. Donna Burgess (632-7602)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION We are finalizing our study of the traditional understanding of the book of Revelation. All are welcome. We meet at 9am each Sunday.

Adult Class in Lent

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During Lent the Adult Class will be using a booklet entitled *Watch and Pray* to study the lectionary lessons for the week. The themes for each week, including Easter Sunday, will be:

1. *Seeing Things Differently*
2. *Seeing Ourselves as People of God's Promise*
3. *Seeing a New Way to Live*
4. *Seeing God at Work*
5. *Seeing Ways to Thrive*
6. *Recognizing Threats*
7. *The Difference a Vision Can Make*

We have purchased 30 student booklets at a cost of \$5.00 each, and would welcome a donation of all or part of this cost. Please sign up for the course at church to insure that we have enough booklets.

Mark your calendar

February

11th Saturday – Men's Breakfast – 8:00 a.m.
Westgate Clubhouse

13th Monday – Vestry Meeting – 7: 00 p.m.
Dan Clark's home

25th Saturday – Vestry Retreat – 9:00a to 3:00p
Westgate Clubhouse

Ash Wednesday
is March 1st

Rota Schedule with Prayer Team February 2006

To preview the NIV readings, you may go to www.biblegateway.com. This site includes both the printed texts and an audio reading.

DATE	OT LESSON	CANTOR	NT LESSON	PRAYERS	CHALICE	PRAYER TEAM
Feb 5	Marjie Klebe	Dan Clark	Roger Ludwig	Barb Clark	Roger Ludwig Susan Oyler Stephanie Reeves	Lu Hart Gaye Flack Matty Ludwig - LEM
Feb 12	Linda Kidwell	June Bowser	Stephanie Reeves	Marge Marcewicz	Shirley Jones Marge Marcewicz Stephanie Reeves	Susan Oyler Matty Ludwig Lamar Gordon - LEM
Feb 19	Shirley Jones	Dan Clark	Susan Oyler	Susan Oyler	Roger Ludwig Shirley Jones Dan Clark	Marge Marcewicz Stephanie Reeves Marge Marcewicz - LEM
Feb 26	Matty Ludwig	Dan Clark	Marge Marcewicz	Dan Clark	Dan Clark Roger Ludwig Marge Marcewicz	Gaye Flack Susan Oyler Dan Clark - LEM

If you need to make a change, please try to find a substitute. If you are unable to find a substitute, please let the Rota Coordinator, Marlin Walter, know.

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To the People of the Parish of St. Peter, Apostle and Confessor

Greetings in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Your rector, the Rev. "Skip" Reeves has advised me of your decision this past weekend to join with the Anglican Mission in America (AMiA).

I know that this decision is one that you have taken carefully, and with much prayer and thought, seeking the guidance of God. As you begin this new chapter in your life as a community, I wanted to convey to you two things.

First, I would like to acknowledge the courage and conviction which has brought you through the last few years. I know you have struggled faithfully to witness to the gospel that we have received from those who have gone before us. This, I believe, takes great courage and perseverance, as times of crisis and hostility within the church can be discouraging and test one's faith.

Second, I would like to thank you for having given me the honour of providing what little support I could. As a bishop struggling to be faithful to the Apostolic faith, I have been both encouraged and challenged by your ongoing example. You and your rector have my deepest respect and gratitude.

May God continue to pour His blessings on you and Fr. Reeves as you begin your work along side our brothers and sisters in the AMiA.

Yours in Christ,

+William

The Rt. Rev. Wm. Anderson,
Bishop of Caledonia