



From the Desk of the Archdeacon:

In the coming weeks and months the Archdeacon of CANA will be more active in pastoral visits to the congregations and communities of CANA. Later this month I will travel down to north Florida and visit with the rector and people of Christ the King Church, St Augustine. This is young and vibrant church community that has only recently joined CANA and we look forward to great news of the proclamation of the Gospel in that part of the country.



Howell Sasser
Archdeacon of CANA

There are several other church communities the bishop has asked me to visit and I will have more to say about them in due course. The Holy Spirit is moving in this land and great and wonderful things are happening. May the Lord bless everyone of us and keep us strong for the work that lies ahead.

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Bishop Minns Visits Houston

by Rev. Canon Felix Anyasor
Vicar-Christ Anglican Church Houston

Dear Brethren

Just to let you know that the Bishop of CANA visited Houston to Christ Anglican Church and Chapel of Reconciliation. His presence made some impact on the atmosphere and the Anglicans in Houston finally got the message. We thank God for Bishop Minns Angela and Rachel who blessed us by their presence. Many people were confirmed, Lay Readers Commissioned, Mothers Unions and Guilds admitted. May God give you more strength to carry on this incredible task.

They were also with us at the CHRIST CHURCH AGAPE (Feast of Brotherly Love) Saturday evening and as I was thinking about all these that took place, and writing my sermon from Genesis Chapter 12 it came to my mind that the name CANA in not complete. When Jesus changed water to wine, he did not remain at CANA, he went home. CANA is a mission of Church of Nigeria to north America, but the mission is not complete if it remains in North America, it ought to go back according to Isaiah 55:11 The Lord said: " It is the same with my word, I send it out, and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it and shall not return to me void"-----The Lord speaks about CANA today that it shall produce and shall not

return to its origin void-Amen? In order for that to happen with CANA, we shall not forget another word that sounds like CANA----CANAAN. CANAAN is the promise land.

Jesus is the stump of Jesse and Jesse is of the lineage of Abraham and Abraham was promised the Land of Canaan. The Gospel is now returning to CANAAN and until that happens completely, Jesus may not return. I am not pushing to change the name CANA---nevertheless I was one of those who chose the name in Chicago the year 2004. Adding (AN) could give it better meaning-- The-Promise Land for all Anglicans seeking Spiritual harbour in either North America or in Nigeria to and fro. CANAAN could stand for Convocation of Anglicans in North America and Nigeria.

Nigeria has to be somewhere in that name else ten years from now, people may forget whose mission there is.

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Mother's Day

The Anglican Church of the Pentecost International

New York, New York

by Chuck Emeka



It was a great day as the mothers came to worship and praise the Lord. Their children and grandchildren were present to rejoice with their mothers. Praise the Lord!

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Chapel of Reconciliation, Houston Texas

by Rev. Canon Simon Omeke, Vicar

On Sunday June 17, 2007 Chapel of Reconciliation (Anglican Communion) Houston, Texas held a Worship Service in which we welcomed our Bishop, Rt. Rev. Martyn & Mrs. Angela Minns on their 1st. official visit to the City of Houston and to our Church. The Sunday Service was preceded by a Father's Day Week – end seminar themed "Ideal Christian Family." We believe that when the family is good the society will be good also. The seminar chaired by Chief. Michael Mbah CPA, took place on Saturday June 16, 2007. The text on which the Theme is based is Hebrews 12. 9 "Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we rever-

enced them for it. How much more should we submit to the father of our spirits and live!" It dealt with the following sub-topics: children upbringing, domestic violence and prevention, human trafficking, communication, adolescent issues, issues of divorce, father's / mother's expectations, children's perspective, caring for the disabled in the family, cultural norms and values, family health, father as priest of the family, and God's wisdom in family. The panelists include Mrs. Angela Minns (Mama CANA) bishop's wife, Rev. Canon James Payne, Evangelist Nath Nwobu, Chief. Michael Mbah, Mrs. Jane West of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), Mr. Johnny Nosike, Rev. Humphrey Nsofor, Mr. Udoh Uba, Miss Mercy Okorie, and the Vicar Rev. Canon Simon Omeke. The Bishop declared the seminar open with a brief keynote address. He also explained the significance of CANA and what it stands for.

During the Sunday service the Bishop had new members admitted into Women's Guild, enrolled into Mothers' Union, and commissioned as Lay Readers of the Church in CANA (Convocation for Anglicans in North America). In his sermon Bishop Minns stated that CANA has come to turn the disaster in the Church family / community into celebration just as Jesus Christ turned the disaster of the wedding at Cana in Galilee into celebration with the first miraculous sign of turning water into wine. He also encouraged all to be law abiding and useful citizens

Highlights of the celebration included the presence of Government functionaries. Mayor Bill White was represented by Ms. Cornyn Perry, who presented the Mayor (City of Houston's) welcome certificate to the visiting Bishop, and certificate of commendation to the Church, Chapel of Reconciliation. Rick Perry, Governor of Texas sent, a goodwill message read to the congregation by the Vicar of the Church, Rev. Canon Simon Omeke. President George Bush also sent his good wishes. Other government functionaries are Congressman, Al Green, and Congresswoman, Sheila Jackson Lee. These not only sent their good wishes but also Certificates of special Congressional Recognition to Bishop Martyn Minns, Chapel of Reconciliation, as well as to a number of distinguished deserving citizens for their dedication to service, ambition to clothe the naked, feed the hungry and spread the infallible word of God, as well as effort to increase awareness regarding issues affecting Communities in the Greater Houston Area. Bishop Minns and his wife, Angela distributed the Certificates to the recipients.

Among the distinguished citizens who received awards were Chief & Mrs. Michael Mbah, Mr. & Mrs. Godwin Obi, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Mgbeike, Dr. & Dr. Mrs. Muiywa Arowosafe, Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Ogadi Mrs. Lillian Onyemelukwe, and Mr. & Mrs Albert Oniorisan.

Other recipients include Chief Eric N. Ufom, president Equal Rights for Persons with Disabilities International Inc and Dr. & Mrs. Pius Okafor. Chief Ufom's award is based on his role towards successful signing of the human rights treaty of the 21st. Century. This treaty is to promote and protect the rights and human dignity of more than 650 million persons with disabilities around the world. The signing took place at the United Nations Headquarters New York on March 30 2007. Dr. & Mrs. Okafor are the parents of Mr. Emeka Okafor of Charllort Bobcats NBA Team. We admire their projected plan for a Mission trip to Nigeria in August 2007.

Equally receiving awards are the following ladies and gentlemen for their role in donating their News media for grass root impact in Harris County:

- Mr. Tony Ogbo of The International Guardian Newspaper
- Mr. & Mrs. Kelvin Emordi of The Christian Mirror, The Pride and The African Pride Magazines, and
- Mr. Kunle Omiyale of The International Socialites Connection Magazine

During the Praise Worship session of the Church Service led by Evangelist Stella Halliday, the Vicar, Canon Omeke, brought the day's business to conclusion by leading in a chorus which in Igbo language says, "Oneme ihe nadigh ekwe omume" and in English, "He (God) can do what is impossible." Also during both the Seminar and the Church Service the following persons performed pantomimes: Miss Rachel Minns, Bishop Minns daughter as well as Miss Emma Halliday & co. Both performances transmitted deep spiritual messages to the audience.

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All Saints Church, Lanham, Maryland Celebrates Second Anniversary

by The Venerable Dr. Dokun Adewunmi

All Saints Church, Lanham, a parish of CANA meeting at Duval High School, 9880 Good Luck Road, Lanham, Maryland, celebrated their second anniversary Sunday June 24, 2007. A home fellowship that started with seven members in April 2005 grew to fifteen members within weeks. Members then decided to look for a public space to worship and found Duval High School to be God sent. The first service held on June 18, 2005 had twenty- five persons in attendance. Membership had since grown to over one hundred thirty adults and fifteen children in the Sunday school. Average Sunday attendance this year has been about eighty-five.



Nearly two hundred people attended the second anniversary service. The Vicar Venerable Dr. Dokun Adewunmi read Bishop Martyn Minns pastoral letter. Bishop Minns noted that All Saints Church is one of the first six churches that constituted the Convocation and the Vicar and Mrs. Modupe Adewunmi, his wife had made considerable sacrifice in providing local leadership to the Convocation as evidenced by the role of All Saints Church at the leadership meeting in October 2006 and the Bishop's installation in May 2007. Being church planters themselves Bishop and Mrs. Minns observed that the road had not always been smooth for All Saints but encouraged the Adewunmis and the entire congregation with a quote

from 1 Corinthians 2:9 *“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”*



Fr. Dokun spoke on a theme from Deuteronomy 7:6 *“For you are a people holy to the LORD your God and he has chosen you out of all peoples on earth to be his special possession.”* He explained the reason why CANA became necessary to forestall the drift from the faith once handed to the Apostles. Failure to do so would spell doom for the future generation who could soon regard the Bible as a historical document like the thirty-nine articles of faith. He pointed out that since the Arian heresy in the fourth century that gave birth to the Nicene Creed, the Church had always been in danger of being misled by a few who had lost the true faith. But it is the duty of the faithful to stay the course in order to nurture both young and old with the undiluted milk of the Word of God. He pointed out that all Anglicans and indeed all Christians who a part of CANA at this time would be pleased to look back twenty years from now and see how God has proven to be the Way, the truth and the Life.

It is important to state that celebration is one of the major strengths of All Saints Church. The occasion also marked the family harvest of Ms. Bukky Akinrosotu and one-year memorial of her mother. She brought family and friends to the worship service. There was plenty of food to eat as well.

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The Law Enforcement Chaplain

by Fr. David A. Barrett, Arlington, TX

I am a priest. I walk out my vocation daily by serving full-time as a law enforcement chaplain for a large (1400 member) sheriff's office in Texas. Just what does the law enforcement chaplain do?

I am a pastor. To the 1400 members of my agency, and to the other agencies I may assist, I am their chaplain. Even to those personnel who have local congregations to which they belong, I am a “special” spiritual advisor because of my understanding of their unique work world. In this pastoral role, I counsel them and their families in times of crisis, both work related and private. I visit them in the hospital or home when they are sick. I perform their weddings and many of their funerals. This is especially true when the sickness, injury or death is work-related. I have heard confessions, held special services for those who must work on special days like Christmas Eve, Easter, etc. and walked with many through their “dark nights of the soul.” If a deputy is injured in the line of duty, I am one of the first faces they see and I sit with their

families through the anxious moments of surgery, recovery, etc.

I am an advisor. The command staff looks to me for advice in dealing with the human element of every event. For those employees injured are involved in a “use-of-force” incident, I am one of the “door keepers” to their returning to full duty. I am the gatekeeper to the use of psychological services, being the staff member that psychologist and therapists share information with about an employee's fitness for duty so that their issues can be handled at a command level yet kept confidential. For many employees, the chaplain is the one who “makes it ok” to seek out and receive professional mental health help.

I am a trauma counselor. Whenever there is a traumatic event, I am called. If there is potential injury or death because of a fire, criminal activity or weather related event, I am called to the scene. When deputies are called to the death scene, regardless of the cause, I am called to help the officers working the event and to notify the deceased family of their loved one's death. Fatality accidents, plane crashes, tornadoes, homicides and suicides are all reasons to have the chaplain on scene. Whenever any personnel are engaging in a potential life-threatening event, they always feel better having the chaplain around.

I am a commander/administrator. In my case, the agency's Honor Guard and funeral coordination details are under my command. Line of duty funerals are to be coordinated through me and all honor guard functions are handled by my office. In addition, all inmate programs (educational programs, reading libraries, law libraries and religious services) are coordinated and overseen by my office. In addition to the employees that work these details, I coordinate the activities of over 300 religious volunteers who work in our large, multi facility jail system.

Whether I am crawling through the broken window of an overturned vehicle to comfort and pray with the accident victim, praying with and comforting the family who has just lost a loved one, gathering information at the death scene in order to notify a family, giving a blessing to the tactical team as they deploy to a dangerous hostage situation, sharing in the joy of a young deputy and his or her spouse at the birth of their first child, or blessing the grave of a law enforcement officer who died in the line of duty, I do what every priest does. I remind people that God is here and that He cares. For me, the table in a briefing room may have to serve as the altar for a short service of Eucharist; but God is still there and we still receive Christ. A uniform may replace vestments as I conduct a deputy's funeral; but the full duties of a priest are still performed. My congregation wears badges and carries guns; but they are still the sheep that the Good Shepherd has given me to watch over. This is my God-given ministry.

I love preaching in churches, teaching in seminars, and celebrating Eucharist. In those settings I am usually referred to as Father David or Father Barrett. Every time I hear that, I thank God for the gift of the priesthood. But when I hear “my sheep” call me Chappy, Chap, or “My Chaplain”, I am also thankful for the opportunity to serve Christ and His Church in this unique and wonderful ministry.

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From Steven G Rindahl

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Hello all,

Here are photos of me with the Rev'd Canon Andrew White, commonly known as The Vicar of Baghdad. The little girl in the one photo is a member of St George's Anglican Church, Baghdad. Her father has been killed, as have many of the men of the church. In fact Canon White had conducted a funeral for one of their men that morning.



Canon White and I had the opportunity to spend the afternoon together Wednesday, 13 June. He told me about the challenges the church in Iraq faces. The parish claims 1300 families; many of the men have been martyred and there is no assistance from the existing government structure. For the church to be able to remain open it requires an around the clock security presence. Between that and the need to supply for the parishioners' basic needs Canon White estimates that it costs \$600 a day to operate the church. This is fully supplied through donations from the UK, US, and Europe.



In addition to members of the Iraqi parish, I met the designated lay-leader for the Anglican Community of the International Zone (the "Green Zone"). With as many people who are there you would expect that there would be at least one Anglican priest but there is not. When Canon White is absent from Baghdad the services are led by the lay-leader and a small number of licensed readers. I hope to be able to provide some assistance to them but with my two services on Camp Liberty the timing will not work. We may look at some service time adjustments and the possibility of transportation so that I can support them.

On a lighter note here is a story shared with me. As you may expect Canon White meets many people in political circles that he has not seen before. Recently when eating lunch in Kuwait he asked a gentleman at the table about his accent. The man replied that he was from Texas. To which Canon White responded that he had just received an education about rednecks, and asked if this man was a redneck. "I can be a little redneckish at times" comes back the answer resulting in a laugh. Then Canon White asked, so what do you do there in Texas? I am the Governor, answers back Rick Perry.

Sorry the one photo is so blurred, the photographer must have flinched.

Blessings,
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Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of the 1-5 Cav while here fighting for the freedom of an oppressed people. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through your mercy and grace. Amen.