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The dean's arrival and our attitudes

As June arrives, we anticipate the arrival of our dean-elect, Terry White. I would call him the "new" dean, but Dean Cavanaugh informed me that if I did, then he would be the "old" dean, so I have revised my vocabulary. Speaking of our dean emeritus, he recently gave me an article he found while cleaning out some files.

The article is titled "How To Treat a New Pastor" and has yellowed a bit in the years since it was clipped. Nevertheless, the insight found in this think piece may contain bits of wisdom that we can use as we greet our dean elect. The list, with added comments, follows:

1) *Do not idolize him.* Give him a wide range of tolerance from your ideal.

Let's see: our dean should be dedicated, reverent, friendly, and industrious. He should be able to work seven days a week and yet take a day off each week to take care of himself. He should always be available, no matter what time of day or night and yet take time for his family and be rested at all times. He should be active in civic activities, yet concentrate on the personal needs of each of us. Get the idea?

2) *Do not expect to be thrilled by every sermon.* Many people are in the pews, and every sermon will not be for you.

I could go on and on about the preparation of sermons and how difficult it is to know what sermon will be meaningful to whom. Just when I give a sermon that I think is one of my best, no one says a word about it. In fact, I have a feeling people are avoiding making eye contact. But let me be dissatisfied with my message, and someone will tell me that I must have been preaching just to him or her.

3) *Do not expect him to go about applying salve to everyone who holds a grudge.* Often that only encourages them in their grudgery and prevents them from practicing Christian forgiveness, growth and understanding.

Believe it or not, not everyone is happy at this great Cathedral all the time. Since we do not leave our human nature at the church door, we may have feelings of misunderstanding and/or feelings of martyrdom. That's really the time when we can truly grow in our Christian life by not expect-

ing flawlessness from everyone. Forgiveness is freeing.

4) *Do not compare him to your favorite clergy, past or present.* Accept him for who and what he is and make him among your favorites. Yes, we all have our favorite priests.

I remember Dean Olsen, my childhood dean from Grace Cathedral in Topeka. He had such an assurance of Christ's resurrection, that I was in awe of him always. If only all priests could be like Dean Olsen. Wait a minute!

Forget that I mentioned him. See, we all need to be careful.

5) *Do not embarrass him by expecting him to know your name.* Tell him who you are for at least the first six months, if you are a regular in church—for at least the first two years if not regular in attendance. Wear your nametag. Don't keep your identity a secret. He is trying to get to know almost one thousand people in the Cathedral and in the Diocese. It's probably time for nametag renewal. If you have a nametag, wear it. If you don't, call the office and ask for one. Let's really work on this one!

6) *Do not condemn his weaknesses.*

By your own service and ministry, help the whole body to make up for his imperfection and that of others.

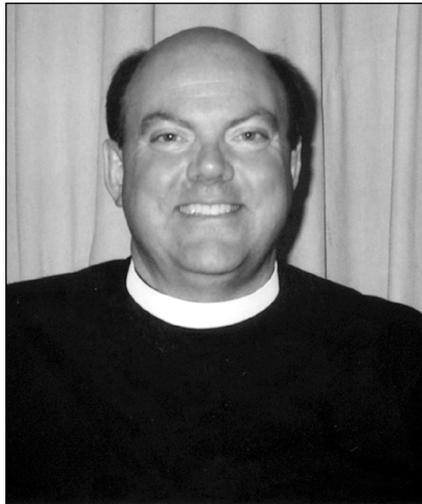
What?! You mean he won't be perfect?! We often expect our clergy to be faultless. If we do, we will be disappointed. While the selection committee has found the best priest possible, even he will have a weakness or two—if for nothing else than to remind us that we will not ever find perfection in anyone in this life.

7) *Remember that he is entitled to time off.* He is a family man and, like the rest of us, deserves to have time with his wife and children.

Our dean elect has a wonderful family who have the right to expect his presence at the important events in their family, school, and activity life. The happier his family is in this community and this church, the more comfortable he will be with us and with this city.

8) *Love and accept him and his family, as God loves and accepts you.* This last one really says it all, doesn't it?

—by The Rev. Linda Yeager, Deacon



Dean-Elect Terry White

Summer brings facelift for Nave floors and organ

Many people engage in a form of spring cleaning. For the Cathedral it will be more like a summer cleaning, as the Nave undergoes almost a total facelift, from top to bottom.

In late July, the Nave will be closed completely so workers can refinish the wood floor. It is not hard to notice that our floor has endured considerable wear and tear. Refurbishing the floor has been needed for several years but was not possible due to the dust created by the sanding and fear that the dust would get into the organ. With the refurbishing and cleaning of the organ scheduled for mid-August, this seemed to be the only time to perform the needed work on the floors.

The refinishing of the floors is being made possible by a grant from the Miller and Jeannette Nichols Foundation.

The floor was originally installed when the Cathedral was built in the 1890s. The wood itself has survived very well for more than one hundred years but the constant traffic has taken its toll. Winters are especially difficult for the floor as people track in salt, sand and water from icy sidewalks. According to Sexton Supervisor Willie Redditt, this is not a major problem for the wood itself, but it erodes the finish very quickly. In fact, Redditt says the wood is in good shape and is still decades away from needing replacement.

One complication is that there are several nails in the floor. Tongue-in-groove hardwood floors usually don't have nails on the surface and no one remembers why our floor is nailed down. One thought is

that the floor sustained considerable water damage after the 1929 fire and some parts had to be nailed down to keep them flat. In any case, the nail heads are at the wood surface, which would have meant the floor could not have been sanded down even a few years ago. But, Redditt says, new sanding techniques and equipment mean the nails will not get in the way.

Redditt says the new finish will be a little lighter than the existing color and will be durable enough to last several years before it needs another sanding and refinishing. "It will bring a whole new life to the Nave," he said. "I think the congregation will be very, very pleased."

If everything goes on schedule, the Nave will be closed for three weeks, beginning July 19. All of the pews will have to be removed and stored. Sunday Eucharist services will be held in Founders' Hall, and other services and events will be relocated or cancelled.

The floor is not the only part of the Nave to get a summer renewal. After being postponed from earlier this year, the Cathedral's 1981 Gabriel Kney organ will finally get its renovation beginning in August. Most of the pipes will be cleaned and tuned and new ones will be added, the keys will be re-covered, and the entire instrument will get a long-needed cleaning.

Canon Musician John Schaefer says this will give the organ a more "singing" quality and a fuller, brighter sound. While the organ is out of commission, the choirs and congregation will sing along to the small organ on the floor and different combinations of piano, harpsichord and other instruments. The organ should be back in service by mid-November.

— by Chris Morrison



The spaces between the pews in the Nave clearly show the damaged finish.

photo by Chris Morrison

Holy Hands requests help with reception

The entire parish is invited to share in the offering of foods for Ben and Jieun's wedding June 12. Holy Hands is organizing the foods and encourages everyone to assist by bringing food.

General categories are listed below for your convenience, including examples for each category. You may sign up at coffee hour on Sundays or contact the Cathedral office. Holy Hands' team members will call you to confirm details. Your monetary donation to defray food costs are also welcome.

Thank you for helping to make this a joyous event for the whole parish.

*Ben and Jieun
June 12, 2004*

- Fruit (mixed fruit, melon balls, guacamole and chips, fruit pizza)
- Veggies (veggie trays, hummus, salads, salsa)
- Meats/Cheeses (meatballs, cheeseballs, devilled eggs, meat trays)
- Fish and Seafoods (salmon fillets, crab salad, devilled crab, shrimp)
- Tea sandwiches, crackers and breads (cucumber sandwiches, chips, flatbreads)
- Mints, nuts, Jordan almonds

If possible, bring your food as ready as possible for presentation by 3:00 p.m. Have your name on the reverse side of all dishes that are to be returned. Please pick up your dishes when you leave.

Please contact Joyce Morrow if you have any questions.

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Summer Bible Study program for children begins

Children's education at the Cathedral has been experiencing growth and the beginning of new programs.

The regular Church School year ended on Youth Sunday, May 16, and the Summer Bible Study program began the following week.

In January of this year, Jackye Finnie, a Cathedral member and Church School teacher, joined the Cathedral staff as Acting Children's Education Director.

At that time, she began tracking attendance and found that the attendance in the last five months rose 20 percent, to an average of 35 children attending each week.

"Ninety-six different children entered Haden Hall to be taught in Church School from January to May of this year," Finnie said. "We are so blessed! It would be wonderful if those children were here every Sunday."

May 23 marked the beginning of the new Summer Bible Study program, which will focus on general Bible knowledge and the gospel of Luke.

"The Summer Bible Study program may be somewhat different than in the past but we are expecting the experience to be uplifting and joyful for students – and teachers as we minister God's word to the children," Finnie said.

The children will engage in prayer, Bible lessons and crafts, singing of hymns and memorizing Bible verses. The mission of the program is to help the children create a familiarity with the Word of God and its significance on their lives through music, arts and crafts, games and the NRSV (New Revised Standard Version) Bible.

The Children's Education program is recommending that children bring their Bibles with them each week. Finnie selected the NRSV Children's Bible published by Tho-



Summer Bible Study for Children began May 23 and will continue until August 22, 2004. All children are invited to attend to learn about the Bible and study the gospel of Luke. *photo by Jan Frizzle*

mas Nelson, as this version is already used weekly in church services. These Bibles will be on sale in the Cathedral Bookstore for families to purchase.

Two classes are offered this summer, one for preschool children and the other for school-age children, and begin at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday. All children are invited and encouraged to attend.

- by Julie Toma

On Sunday, June 6, the Cathedral courtyard will be the perfect place for parishioners to picnic. All parishioners are invited to join in a lunch of hotdogs, bratwurst, and side dishes at the annual Parish Picnic.

The church will be providing the main courses and beverages; all those in attendance should bring a favorite side dish to share.

For more than a decade, parishioners have been enjoying this opportunity to gather for food and fellowship, and to socialize as the summer season kicks off.

This year, the picnic will be an especially nice gathering as all the



parish will be abuzz with preparations for Ben and Jieun's wedding the following Saturday and the arrival of our new dean later in the month.

The Guild of the Christ Child will provide fun and games for the

children and ice-cream sundaes will be for sale to raise money for the youth.

The picnic will take place following the 10:15 a.m. service and there is still an opportunity to volunteer to help set up and clean up before and after the event.

Call the Cathedral office to find out how you can help.

- by Emily Akins

T.S. Eliot meets 'The Fog of War'

We will have an opportunity to participate in an engaging four-week series based upon T.S. Eliot's *Four Quartets* thanks to Cathedral member Tom Brous. Eliot's *Four Quartets* were written during World War II, and just as they offered an answer to the world violence of that time, they offer an answer to the violence in our world today.

These four linked poems present spiritual, philosophical and personal themes. These themes emerge through symbolic allusions and literary and religious references from both Eastern and Western thought.

Four Quartets is the culminating achievement by a man considered to be the greatest poet of the twentieth century and one of the seminal figures in the evolution of modernism.

It also was the last major verse written by Eliot and what Eliot considered his finest work. It is a rich composition that expands the spiritual vision brought out in *The Waste Land*.

If you have seen the movie "The Fog of War," you will recall that former Defense Secretary Robert McNamara quotes T.S. Eliot (without identifying the fourth quartet, "Little Gidding"):

*We shall not cease from exploration
And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And know the place for the first time.*

T.S. Eliot was born in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1888 and became a British subject in 1927. The acclaimed poet of *The Waste Land*, *Murder in the Cathedral*, and *Old Possum's Book of*

Practical Cats, among numerous other poems and prose works, won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1948.

He died in 1965 in London and his ashes are buried at East Coker.

It is suggested that the poems be read prior to class, and that participants bring a copy with them each week.

Copies of the book, *Four Quartets*, are available in the Cathedral Bookstore. You may also download the book from <http://www.tristan.icom43.net/quartets/index.html>.

Please plan to be a part of this intriguing study and discussion on June 27, July 11, 18 and 25 at 9:10 a.m. We will not meet on July 4.

- by Valerie Johnson,
Director of Adult Education

St. Luke's College graduates 45 nurses

The graduating class of St. Luke's College held their 98th commencement ceremony at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, Friday, May 14. Parents, family and friends filled the nave to overflowing.



The Rev. John K. Swift, Director of Spiritual Wellness, St. Luke's Hospital, led the procession of 18 faculty and 45 candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Cathedral member Candy McDowell, Chairman of the College Committee, presented diplomas to this class.

Belinda Jamison, Administrative Assistant at St. Luke's, said "seven students earned 4.0 grade, Summa Cum Laude, and twenty-one additional candidates had earned additional honors of Magna Cum Laude or Cum Laude."

Jamison also noted that "this year we will have graduated 3,599 total students in the 101-year

history of nursing education at St. Luke's."

Canon John Schaefer and trumpeter Dr. Keith Benjamin provided the music for the graduation ceremony.

Guests greeted graduates for photos

"I will respect at all times the dignity and religious beliefs of the patients under my care, holding in confidence all personal information entrusted to me and refraining from any action which might endanger life or health."

Part of the International Pledge recited by the graduates

and then it was on to a joyful reception in Founders' Hall.

Founded in 1882, Saint Luke's Hospital is the largest hospital in the Kansas City metropolitan area. It is affiliated with the Episcopal Diocese of West Missouri.

- by Jan Frizzle



Friends and family members gathered in Founders' Hall and in the courtyard to greet and congratulate the 45 nursing graduates from St. Luke's College. *photo by Jan Frizzle*

Voice from the Vestry

A monthly report on the actions of the Vestry

Your Vestry met April 22, 2004. The following is a summary of that meeting. Regular reports were received from the Finance Committee, the Building and Grounds Committee, and the Social Action Committee. The Senior Warden formally appointed Paget Higgins to the Auxiliary Vestry.

According to the Treasurer's report, both pledge income and plate offerings were down in March, but April appeared to be improving. Social Outreach income was greater because of the Pancake Breakfast, and half of those funds were given to Kansas City Community Kitchen. Year-to-date income is slightly under the budgeted amount, but so are expenditures. It still appears that mid-year we will need to reconsider the annual budget unless there is a marked improvement in income.

During a busy business session, a number of motions were considered and passed. These included two financial items providing for improved management of current endowment funds. In addition, the Vestry approved moving forward with a plan to refinish the floors in the Cathedral nave. This is being coordinated so as to precede refurbishment of the organ scheduled for August. (This timing is in order to prevent the organ from being affected by the dust that would be created during this refinishing process).

The Vestry also considered and approved the granting of limited financial

assistance for Kansas City Community Kitchen through the Cathedral Bookstore. However, the KCCCK is experiencing more extensive financial challenges at present and will need additional assistance. A committee has been formed to review possible options for the future.

The Building and Grounds Report included discussion of some of the wonderful artwork around the Cathedral, including the stained glass windows, and the importance of upgrading our insurance coverage of these items. Additional consideration will be given towards this and recommendations brought to the Vestry in a future meeting. The Vestry also approved the committee's request for expenditures to make limited improvements in the elevators and stair-lift at the Cathedral.

A further report was provided regarding the continued progress of Reverend Terry White's coming to the Cathedral. Father White is looking for housing in the Kansas City area, as well as schools for their children. At the time of the Vestry meeting, no date had been firmly established for Father White to be at the Cathedral full time, but it appeared that this would take place sometime during the month of June.

Finally, the Vestry – and all Cathedral members – were asked to be more aware of the cleanliness of the Cathedral campus and to help "police the grounds" to keep them looking nice.

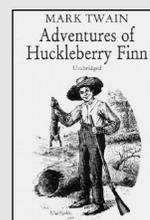
- by John Hornbeck, Clerk of the Vestry

From the Buildings and Grounds Committee

We are working to improve our security on Sunday mornings. As a result, the west door (facing Washington Street) and north door (facing 13th Street) of Haden Hall are now being locked on Sunday mornings. As Haden Hall is used primarily for children's activities on Sundays, security is a high priority in this area.

Please use the many other entrances each Sunday to enter the Cathedral. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in keeping our children safe.

The Blakeslee Reading Society



HUCKLEBERRY FINN
by Mark Twain

June 15 • 7:00 p.m.

For further information, please call 816.741.0992.

Reel People



BECKET
directed by Peter Glenville

June 24 • 7:00 p.m.

For further information please call 816.283.0462