North American Deans to meet at GHTC

In May of next year, cathedral deans from all over North America (the United States, Canada, Bermuda and Cuba) will meet at Grace and Holy Trinity for their annual conference. The subject of this conference is "The Cathedral in Babel: Ministry in Exile," which is based on the writings of keynote speaker, Walter Brueggeman. Brueggeman is an internationally known theologian.

Dean Schmidt invites the parish of GHTC to be actively involved in this conference as volunteers, facilitating the activities and structure of the conference. Areas in which you might offer assistance include:

- The registration table
- Preparing registration packets
- Preparing guest gift bags
- Assisting with transportation from and to KCI
- Hospitality room host/hostess each evening
- Support in the office for phones, message delivering, emergency contacts
- Serving assistance at Continental breakfasts, coffee break and lunches

Other opportunities for volunteers will undoubtedly arise as we get closer to the date of the conference. If you can give some time, in general or to a specific task, please call the Dean's Secretary at 816-474-8260.

From the Dean

The Archbishop of Canterbury serves as a unifying leader for all Anglicans. To be in "communion" with the Archbishop of Canterbury is to be a member of the Anglican Communion. This means that the Archbishop recognizes a church within a nation or group of nations (i.e. Central America or the Caribbean) as being a part of the historic Anglican Church throughout the world. To call yourself "Anglican" simply because a group of people use a Book of Common Prayer does not make you Anglican. What makes us a member of the Anglican Communion and a part of the worldwide Anglican Church is that we are in communion with the Archbishop and thus recognized by him.

Soon we will have a new spiritual leader for all Anglicans: Rowan Williams. He is Welsh; the first non-English Archbishop since the Reformation. In the late 1980's I was privileged to attend a summer classes taught by Rowan Williams. His theological depth and spiritual presence were a profound influence. What was astounding to me was that he is the same age as I and yet was so spiritually mature. What I appreciated most was that he did not look at things as others do, but gave a different twist that made me pause and think. One thing that he said in that class sticks with me to this day. He said "What for Jesus is his nature, for us is our destiny. We are in time and we must grow into it. We need selfless love because there is always the possibility of failing to grow." The thought that our destiny is to grow into the nature of Jesus has become a central spiritual concept for my life and ministry.

Rowan Williams has a profound prayer life that directs his work as bishop and teacher. Some in the Anglican Communion have labeled him as "liberal" as if that were a bad thing. Having had the opportunity to participate in class with him I think those who would label him for his stands on particular issues misrepresent him. He is complex and led by deep thought and prayer. He is led by a concern for justice. He is lead by faith in the selfless love of Jesus. In these ways I find him very Christ-like. Rowan Williams is a theologian of great stature much like the great Archbishop William Temple in the 1940's. We are blessed to have such a spiritual intellect as our new Archbishop. —DJJS+

Events to commemorate September 11

In remembrance of the bombings in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania on September 11 of last year, GHTC will participate in a citywide observance. There will be a 7:00AM ceremony in Illus Davis Park after which, people will walk to GHTC where prayers will be offered throughout the day, which will include the reading of the names of victims. At Noon, there will be a formal prayer service, which will be attended by the Governor.

At 6:30 PM, there will be an interfaith evening service here honoring government officials and emergency-preparedness personnel. Mayor Barnes will speak. Afterward, at 7:30 PM, there will be workshops. The public is encouraged to participate in these and other scheduled activities. You may log on to the Cathedral's website www.ghtc-kc.org, and click on the link www.cres.org/911 to find a listing of these activities.

We wish to have hospitality for our visitors and are looking for offers of cookies.



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Births

Jason and Amy Waldron, a member of the Trinity Mixed Choir, announce the arrival of a daughter, **Erinn Rose Waldron**, who was born on June 16. She weighed 6 pounds 1 ounce.

Valerie and Jeff Johnson greeted a daughter, **Eliza Lynn Johnson**, on July 18. She weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces. She joins a brother, Bryant.

Culinary Cornerstones Director Dave Nichols and his wife Ursula Gray announce the arrival of a son, **Jackson Connor Gray-Nichols**, who was born in Lawrence on July 19. He weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

Welsh Primate to lead Anglican world

James M. Rosenthal and Matthew Davies Extracted from an ACNS Special Report

Downing Street [has] announced that the Most Revd. Rowan Williams, the Archbishop of Wales and Bishop of Monmouth, is to succeed Dr. George Carey as 104th Archbishop of Canterbury. He is the first Archbishop of Canterbury to be selected from outside the Church of England since the Reformation.

Rowan Williams was born in Swansea [Wales] in 1950, was elected Bishop of Monmouth in 1991 and enthroned as Archbishop of Wales in 2000. He was elected a Fellow of the British Academy in 1990 and is Chairman of the Trialogue Conference, which brings together professionals from the worlds of Spirituality, Psychotherapy and Literature. He is the author of many well-known books including *Love's Redeeming Work* (Oxford).

[Since his election as Bishop of Monmouth,] he has gained enormous support for his leadership and his handling of some of the more controversial decisions facing the Anglican Communion today. According to the Bishop's website he is "both a contemporary and rigorously intellectual thinker, recently citing the cartoon 'The Simpsons' as an example of humility and moral debate. He has attracted a lot of media attention in relation to his radical view on both homosexuals in the church and church/sate relations."

The Presiding Bishop and Primate of ECUSA, the Most Revd. Frank T. Griswold says of Williams, "He is well known and highly respected across the Anglican Communion, in ecumenical circles, and here in the United States. The combination of a keen mind and a contemplative heart, together with an ability to relate classical Christian tradition to the needs and struggles of our world, make him eminently qualified to take up this important and challenging ministry of service."

(Editor's note: If you would like to read the entire article from which this has been extracted, please feel free to call Anne Schmidt at the Cathedral, 816-474-8260.)

Music Notes

John L. Schaefer, Canon Musician

Concert organist to perform at GHTC

Last May, the Greater Kansas City Chapter of the American Guild of Organists ended its season with a spectacular recital given by Aaron David Miller. On Monday, September 16, the chapter will begin its 2002-2003 season with a recital by another outstanding young organist, Paul Jacobs, a recent graduate of the Institute of Sacred Music at Yale University, who has been touring the nation, playing the complete works of Olivier Messiaen. At GHTC, he will play a rather more diverse program. The recital, which begins at 8:00 PM and is open to the public without charge.

Rehearsals begin

Rehearsals for our various musical ensembles resume in September. The Trinity Mixed Choir and Bell Ringers will resume on Thursday, September 5 at 7:30 and 6:00 PM, respectively. The Youth Choir will rehearse on Saturday, September 7 at 9:00 AM in Haden Hall. The Grace Choraliers will have their first rehearsal of the season on Sunday, September 8 at 9:15 AM in the Common Room.

Should you or someone you know wish to participate in a Cathedral choir, please contact Canon Schaefer at 816-474-8260, extension 113.

Cathedral clerical staff

The Right Rev. Barry R. Howe, *Bishop of West Missouri*; The Very Rev. Dennis J. J. Schmidt, *Dean*; The Rev. Ben Newland, *Associate to the Dean*; The Rev. Dr. John O'Hearne, *Assisting Priest*; The Rev. Michael Shaffer, *Deacon*; The Rev. Linda Yeager, *Deacon*; The Very Rev. J. Earl Cavanaugh, *Dean Emeritus*; Mr. John L. Schaefer, *Canon Musician*; The Rev. Carolyn Stockwell Tangeman, *Deacon on Sabbatical*

2003 Pledge campaign set to begin

Chris Morgan, EMC Co-Chairman

The 2003 Pledge Campaign gets underway this month. The Stewardship Committee, under chairman Steve Moore has worked through the summer to finalize plans and activities in which you will be interested, so watch the *Angelus* and service bulletins for upcoming fall events.

One of the Stewardship Committee's priorities is to increase the number of pledging units. Last year the Cathedral received 273 pledges from church members, but this constitutes only about one-half of the number attending the Cathedral. The Committee will make extra efforts this year to increase the number of pledges. Financial pressures are the major reason people choose not to pledge, but our prayer is that everyone will find a way, regardless of amount. The act of making a pledge is what's important. The amount of your pledge is between you and God and no one will ever question the amount of your commitment.

Other than financial pressures, there are undoubtedly other good reasons why folks don't pledge. (Forgetting to fill out a pledge card doesn't count, by the way.) A pledge is a promise in writing to the Cathedral that you will contribute a certain amount for the coming year. Is it legally binding? No. Should you find you can't meet the obligation, you are free to cancel or change your pledge at any time. Are you concerned that others may find out what amount you pledge? Well, some people in the administration will have to know, but all pledges are confidential and only known to those with a need to know have access to the amount you pledge. The clergy, by choice, do not know what you pledge.

You may believe that the amount pledged is insignificant. Believe me, every dollar counts! 100 additional pledges of just \$2.50 per week would be enough to pay for one year's telephone service for the Cathedral offices; or, pay for all the Church School curriculum materials and supplies for one year. **So, your dollar counts.**

For those who give cash or check regularly through the plate offering; you are much appreciated, and we do keep track of what you give through plate if you write a check or indicate your name on a pew envelope. The plate offering received is an income item we count on, but what amount at any given time is unknown. Each year the Budget Committee places a speculative bet on what may be received through plate offering. Last year that amount was \$67,000, some portion of that coming from member's regular gifts. The Budget Committee can only budget accurately with a pledge in hand. Once pledges are made nearly 100% of pledges are paid. If plate offerings become pledges, then some programs and ministries can be more fully funded. So, please, if you can, change that regular plate offering to a pledge. It's good for you and good for the Cathedral.

Questions or concerns about pledging? I'm generally available so feel free to give me a call at 816-523-2347 for questions, particularly if you are a new member or need further information or help.

2002 Province VII ECW Conference

The Cathedral will act as host to the Province VII Episcopal Church Women 2002 Meeting October 6 and 7. The event will get underway on Sunday, October 6, at 2 PM. with a Diocesan Episcopal Church Women meeting. A reception to kick off the conference will take place at 6PM in Founders Hall followed by dinner and an address by Pamela Stewart, the national ECW president.

On Monday, October 7, breakfast will be followed by Morning Prayer and a keynote address based on the theme "A New Light Is Shining" by Deacon Linda Yeager. Other activities include a business meeting, lunch workshops, and music.

All women in the diocese are members of Episcopal Church Women and welcome to attend the conference. For more information and for registration forms contact Marnell Sparks, 913 432-8867.



Fiction in the Angelus? In the Bleak Mid-Winter

by Julia Spencer-Fleming (pub. St Martins - \$23.95)

This award-winning first novel will make you feel cold even as summer lingers in Kansas City. Clare Fergusson is the first female priest of an Episcopal church in Miller's Kill, a small town in upstate New York, in itself a major challenge. She is single, newly ordained, and a former Army combat pilot. She drives a signature red MG, and is ill-prepared for both winter in the Adirondacks, and the mischievous gossip of parishioners.

When a newborn baby is left on the church's doorstep, and a young woman is found brutally murdered, she becomes increasingly involved in solving this mystery and in confronting some of the more antagonistic members of her congregation. There is electricity in her relationship with the Chief of Police, Russ Van Alstyne, a married, self-proclaimed atheist, who is at first bewildered by the idea of a female priest, but eventually comes to respect and admire her courage. When he finds out that Episcopal priests can marry, he is really thrown for a loop.

This riveting novel is fast-moving, with interesting, believable characters. The underlying theology is solid, says *Episcopal Life*. (Even the hymns are correctly chosen for the season of Advent.) The author is a communicant at the Cathedral Church of St Luke, in Portland, Maine and was advised by the clergy there.

It's a great Episcopal mystery, and it's available in the Cathedral Bookstore. –DL

News: small groups

Needlwork Group reaches out

The Needlework Small Group has embarked on two outreach projects. Some members are knitting prayer shawls, developed by a group of Lutheran women in Michigan, which will be given to parishioners and community members. As the people knit, they pray for the recipient of the shawl. A written prayer for health and wellbeing is attached when the shawl is presented. Shawls are given to people, experiencing problems such as serious illness, financial problems or divorce.

A second project is the completion of needlepoint chair covers for the chapel at Bishop Spencer Place. Kits are given to those wishing to work on this outreach project for our Episcopal retirement community. Anyone interested in helping with these projects, please call Linda Yeager, 816-474-8260, or Christina Killmer, 816-420-8580. You need not be a participant in the Needlework Small Group to assist with this outreach.

Reel People

Reel People, the movie small group, will view and discuss the film, *Wit* at the September meeting on Wednesday, September 25. Hosts for the evening are Chris and Peggy Morgan. Everyone is welcome to attend this monthly event; the group gathers in the Common Room at 6:30 PM and shares a pizza, fellowhip and conversation about the film. Contact Harriet Bigham, 816-283-0462, for further information.

Blakeslee Reading Society

On September 17, Mike Thomas will host the reading group. *From Beirut to Jerusalem*, by Thomas Friedman is the work up for discussion. Mike lives at 39 E 52nd St., KCMO.

Quilting group

We will meet in the Conference room on Monday, September 9 at 7:00 PM. We will start assembling the fish quilt. If someone has a featherweight sewing machine, call Anne Schmidt, 816-474-8260.

Memorials and thanksgivings

Sunday, August 4, 2002

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for E.J. Morris by Doris K. Dillenberger; and in thanksgiving for her daughter, Sandra, by Mrs. H.A. Sloan.

Sunday, August 11, 2002

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for their directress, Betty Phillips, by the Altar Guild; and in loving memory of Charles S. Lacey by Larry and Marilyn McMullen and family. At the chapel altar in loving memory of Edward Preble by Isabel Curdy. At the baptismal font in thanksgiving for Drew Beggs by Bud and Candy McDowell; and in loving memory of her mother Estelle Chaderton, by Dorothy and Rod Sampson. Memorial candles are given in loving memory of Mildred Igl by Paul and Bonnie Lowrey.

Sunday, August 18, 2002

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the life of Herbert A. Sloan; and in loving memory of Thomas M. Higgins, Jr.; also in loving and blessed memory of John T. Cozzi, by his granddaughter Tricia Pellet Lyddon. At the baptismal font in thanksgiving for her son, Brian Marrs, and granddaughter, Madeline Marrs, by Miriam Marrs.

Sunday, August 25, 2002

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Lucille Brannan by Leo Crabbs, Jr. At the baptismal font in thanksgiving for Michael McDowell by Bud and Candy. At the chapel altar in loving memory of Wendell R. Beckord by Pat McKenna.

September Adult Fourm topics

September 8

Rally Day - No Adult Forum

September 15: The Cross: A History of Its Many Forms

Beyond sylistic jewelry, you might be surprised at the history and meaningbehind the many forms of the cross. We'll examine the Celtic Cross, the Crucifix, the Maltese Cross and more.

September 22: Processing the News: Those Who Talk & Those Who Listen

How can Christians live in faith when faced with today's headlines? Hear from those who report the news about balancing personal beliefs with professional challenges in local media.

September 29: What Did "You(th)" Do This Summer?

Learn about our GHTC youth group's participation in this summer's Missionpalooza and the National Episcopal Youth Event (EYE) in Laramie, Wyoming.

Benefit GHTC as you buy school supplies

While purchasing office supplies, we learned that **you** can generate funds for GHTC as you purchase school supplies at *Office Max*. **You need to give the number 29115737 to the clerk at the register before you check out your purchase**.

Why not try this out? It is an easy, painless way to increase what you give to the church.

Episcopal 101: Understanding Anglican Christianity

Are you currently a member wanting to learn more about the Episcopal Church or are considering the rites of Confirmation, Reception or Reaffirmation? Join us this fall for "Episcopal 101: Understanding Anglican Christianity."

We will meet on Sunday mornings at 9:10 AM, on September 29; October 6, 13, 20, 27; November 3, 10, 17. For those who prefer a weeknight, this class will also be offered on

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; November 6, 13, 20.

For more information or to register, please call Valerie Johnson at the Cathedral office, 816-474-8260.

Rally Day 2002: A time of celebration

It's time to celebrate the wonderful ministries happening at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral on September 8! Rally Day is for everyone and will be held at Founders' Hall from 9:00 AM-10:00 AM and following the 10:15 service. Rally Day is your opportunity to:

- register your child/children for church school.
- find out what has been planned for education programs this year.
- learn about the diverse ministries of our Cathedral.
- consider being an active member of the ministries offered.
- bring a friend and introduce them to our Cathedral family.

Refreshments for Rally Day

A celebration is never complete without some delicious treats to share! Please bring your favorite 'yummies' to Founders' Hall on Saturday, September 7 between 4-5 p.m. or Sunday, September 8.

New Church School year

Sign up of your children on September 8 during Rally Day activities in Founders' Hall. Fill out a registration card for each child. Pick up a yellow parent's guide if you have not already gotten one, and use it to enhance your child's religious education. *Parents are the first teachers a child has.*

Just as you do on New Year's Day, make a promise to bring your children to church each week and take a small amount of time each week to read or tell them a Bible story. Explore key concepts by searching *their* books for these ideas, keyed to their weekly lessons:

September 7: Discipline and Forgiveness

September 16: Forgiveness of sins (sounds like the Lord's Prayer)

September 23: The parables about the laborers in the vineyard, Jonah and his trip to Nineveh and the story of the shade plant

The *Angelus* will print brief suggestions each month to assist parents as they teach and reinforce church school lessons at home. They will be keyed to the adult lectionary. So, parents will even have a head start when they come in to church.

Encourage your child to say bedtime prayers. Here is a simple one beyond the "Now I lay me down to sleep" prayer:

Father, unto thee I pray,

Thou hast guarded me all day,

Safe I am while in thy sight,

Safely let me sleep tonight.

Then encourage your child to make intercession to bless Mother, Daddy, siblings and whatever else concerns them before saying "Amen."

New Youth Group Times on Wednesday for the Fall!

The GHTC Youth Group has made a few changes in its Fall Schedule, First , the Youth Coffee Hour will continue each Sunday morning at 9 AM. Youth, grades six through twelve, can gather in the Haden Hall Youth Room for doughnuts/bagels, etc. and reflection on current events and the lessons for the day.

Next, the time of our Wednesday night meetings is changing. The Youth Education Committee has moved the time to a 7:00 to 8:30 PM position. There won't be dinner at youth group anymore (all those pizzas were about to break somebody's bank), but the later starting time should give everyone a chance to eat with their families and finish up the homework before coming to youth group.

The Wednesday gathering will feature two classes during the first hour, one for Jr. High students and another for Sr. High students. Following classes, everyone will come together for half hour which will feature a dessert/snack and community worship.

Finally, the Youth Department is kicking off the '02-'03 school year with two events. On September 7, there will be an all-youth and parents pool party at the home of John and Sandra Hornbeck. Everyone will have a chance to catch up after the summer, to meet any new youth group members, and give parents a chance to meet each other. Also, it will get us ready for the next morning, which is Rally Day at the Cathedral. We promise to have the most exciting booth at Rally Day and the best prizes and give aways of any ministry there!

Both of these events will get everyone geared up for our first regular Wednesday meeting, which will take place September 11, at 7:00 PM in Haden Hall. If you have any questions about these or any youth issues, call The Rev. Benjamin J. Newland at the Cathedral office. Yeah Youth!

Calendar

Sunday, September 1
11:45 AM, Music Committee, CR
Monday, September 2
6:30 PM, Rule/Little Flock, Nave
Tuesday, September 3
1:30 PM, Women's Bible Study, CR
6:30 PM, Needlework Group, Conf. R
Thursday, September 5
7:00 AM, Men's Bible Study, CR
6:00 PM, Bell Choir, HH
6:30 PM, EFM, CR
7:30 PM, Mixed Choir, HH
Friday, September 6
9:30 AM, Moms' Bible Study, HH

Sunday, September 8

Blood Pressure Sunday

Rally Day

9:15 AM, Choraliers, CR
10:00 AM, Church School, HH
Monday, September 9
6:30 PM, Rule/Little Flock, Nave
7:00 PM, Quilting Group, Conf. R
Tuesday, September 10
1:30 PM, Women's Bible Study, CR
6:30 PM, Guild of the Christ Child, YR
Wednesday, September 11
7:00 AM,Observance of 9-11 begins in Illus Davis Park, 10th & Oak
7:15 AM, Prayers for the victims, Nave
6:30PM,InterfaithObservance service, Nave

7:30 PM, Interfaith Workshops, Campus

Thursday, September 12

7:00 AM, Men's Bible Study, CR 6:00 PM, Bell Choir, HH 6:30 PM, EFM, CR 7:30 PM, Mixed Choir, HH Friday, September 13 9:30 AM, Moms' Bible Study, HH Saturday, September 14 9:15 AM, Youth Choir, HH

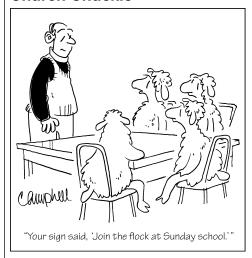
Sunday, September 15 9:15 AM, Choraliers, CR 10:00 AM, Church School, HH Monday, September 16 6:30 PM, Rule/Little Flock, Nave 8:00 PM, Paul Jacobs, organ recital, N Tuesday, September 17 1:30 PM, Women's Bible Study, CR 7:00 PM, Blakeslee Reading Group, Thursday, September 19 7:00 AM, Men's Bible Study, CR 6:00 PM, Bell Choir, HH 6:30 PM, EFM, CR 7:30 PM, Mixed Choir, HH Friday, September 20 9:30 AM, Moms' Bible Study, HH Saturday, September 14 9:15 AM, Youth Choir, HH

Sunday, September 22
10:00 AM, Church School, HH
Monday, September 23
6:30 PM, Rule/Little Flock, Nave
Tuesday, September 24
1:30 PM, Women's Bible Study, CR
Thursday, September 26
7:00 AM, Men's Bible Study, CR

5:00 PM, Vestry, FH 6:00 PM, Bell Choir, HH 6:30 PM, EFM, CR 7:30 PM, Mixed Choir, HH Friday, September 27 9:30 AM, Moms' Bible Study, HH 6:30 PM, Parenting, HH Saturday, September 28 9:15 AM, Youth Choir, HH

Sunday, September 29 10:00 AM, Church School, HH

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Weekly Services

Sunday

8:00 AM – Holy Eucharist 10:15 AM – Holy Eucharist 5:00 PM – An Order for Evening, Nave

Wednesday

12:05 PM – Holy Eucharist, Chapel