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Report from Columbus

COLUMBUS, Ohio—General Convention 2006 has just concluded. Prayer, the election of the 26th Presiding Bishop, reconnecting with people after three years and meeting new ones, committee hearings culminating in several hundred pieces of legislation, diocesan debriefs at the end of the day, fellowship and uncertainty about our common future all highlighted our 12 - 15 hour days. We will now spend a relaxing weekend here with Nancy's son, KC, who offered us his hospitality.

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Each of the nine days of General Convention began with a festive and unique Holy Eucharist for anywhere between 4,000 and 8,000 worshippers seated at round tables for 10. While English and Spanish were the main languages used, occasionally you also heard French, Portuguese, German, Italian, Lakota, Hawaiian, and a variety of Asian dialects — just like walking down the streets of New York city. Music and musical instruments as well as the different prayers used were also well known and less known by the worshippers. Twenty five communion stations required 75 volunteers daily. One morning we also served.

On Sunday June 18th after the Holy Eucharist, the 188 bishops were bused to Trinity Episcopal Church. Before each ballot there was prayer and silence. The bishop of Nevada, the Rt. Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, 52, received the required 95 votes. This was announced to the 843 deputies (lay and clergy) who gave their overwhelming consent. The current Presiding Bishop then escorted her into the hall of Deputies where over 2,000 excited people were waiting to greet her. As she entered, the hall exploded with jubilant applause. There were also many tears of disbelief and joy. Just 30 years before, General Convention decided that women could be ordained priests and bishops. Jefferts Schori will be installed on November 4th at the National Cathedral in Wash-

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A Jolt of a Different Kind - Part One

When Alex and I were at Convention, an announcement was made that a special showing of *Traces of the Trade* was to be shown for the House of Bishops and any other interested parties. I had heard it was about the “slave trade” and thought contemporarily ... as in women being sold into slavery today, etc.

Well, I got quite a jolt – actually a number of them. First we were introduced to a slight-built woman, who is the Producer/Director of the film - Katrina Browne. She told us that in this film, *Traces of the Trade*, she'd tell the story of her forefathers, the largest slave-trading family in U.S. history. Given the myth that the South is solely responsible for slavery, most of us there were surprised to learn that Browne's ancestors were Northerners. Katrina's film follows her and nine fellow family members on a remarkable journey which brings them face-to-face with the history and legacy of New England's hidden enterprise.

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From 1769 to 1820, DeWolf fathers, sons and grand-

sons trafficked in human beings. They sailed their ships from Bristol, Rhode Island to West Africa with rum to trade for African men, women and children. Captives were taken to plantations that the DeWolfs owned in Cuba or were sold at auction in such ports as Havana and Charleston. Sugar and molasses were then brought from Cuba to the family-owned rum distilleries in Bristol. Over the generations, the family owned 47 ships that transported thousands of Africans across the Middle Passage into slavery. They amassed an enormous fortune. By the end of his life, James DeWolf had been a U.S. Senator and was the second richest man in the United States.

The DeWolf family story is a quintessential representation of this multi-faceted New England story. While they were one of only a few “slaving” families, the network of commercial activities that they were tied into involved an enormous portion of the Northern population. Many citizens, for example, would buy shares in slave ships in order to make a profit.

The film follows 10 DeWolf descendants (ages 32-71, ranging from sisters to seventh cousins) on a journey that is both literal and existential. Whoa there, hold on ... wait a minute. I leaned over to Alex and whispered ... doesn't that fellow look familiar? Then they flashed the name of this relative as he was speaking ... Tom DeWolf, of Bend, OR. Wow! Another jolt. We knew of Tom when we lived in Bend; he was on the city council and owned the local Video store. Small world. Then we continued with the story ... and I'll do the same here next month!

Nancy+



Fireworks and Surprises at General Convention 2006

by Victor A. Levine

Besides the usual legislative tasks—like appropriating moneys for operations for the next three years—the General Convention of the Episcopal Church needed to resolve two critically pressing issues before it adjourned on June 21, 2006.

The first issue was the election of a new primate, or presiding bishop, to replace current occupant, Bishop Frank Griswold whose term expires in November of this year.

The second was to resolve the issue of the Episcopal Church's willingness to conciliate more than half of the conservative wing of churches in the worldwide Anglican Communion on the question of how the Communion should treat human sexuality.

The first issue was accomplished midway through the Convention. Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori of Nevada won election on the fifth ballot cast by members of the House of Bishops and was confirmed by clergy and lay members of the House of Deputies. Presiding Bishop-elect Jefferts Schori will take office November 1, 2006.

The second issue turned on how serious the Episcopal Church (ECUSA) considered the crisis that had erupted with its 1) confirming a gay bishop and 2) blessing same-gender couples. The Church had apologized the following year in its response to the outcry. It had also agreed to a moratorium on both those practices. All that occurred at the Windsor conference, called by the Archbishop of Canterbury in 2004 and was recorded in its *Windsor Report* of that year.

The issue at the General Convention in 2006 was whether the ECUSA would confirm that stance and set the matter to rest. At stake was its continuation

as a member in good standing in the larger, international body, the Anglican Communion.

The issue was a contentious one and there was high resistance among the deputies in both bodies that comprised the Convention: the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies (clergy and lay members). Deputies were unwilling to accept the wording and characterizations that typified the language in the 2004 Windsor Report and for awhile it looked like there would not be any agreement. Presiding Bishop Griswold and Presiding Bishop-elect Jefferts Schori helped convince them that it was essential to produce a document that would reassure the Anglican Communion at large that the ECUSA's intentions, no matter how expressed, were a genuine effort to conciliate the issues.

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Only in the final few hours of the last day of the Convention were deputies able to find the language that—while avoiding use of the word *moratorium*—would send an honest and hopeful statement of their feelings to the rest of the Communion. They also, in addition to offering a supportive statement to gays and lesbians, moved the issue away from sexuality *per se* and into a broader context which suggested there might be other conditions which would disqualify clergy from being raised to bishop status.

For more details on the Convention, see www.episcopalchurch.org

Kitty Phelps Chosen St. Barnabas' Episcopal Woman of the Year



Kitty Phelps recently resigned her presidency with the Women of St. Barnabas, but not before making a difference to our church and the community. To look at Kitty, you would never believe that she is 86 years old. And, you might be surprised to hear that she has only been with the Episcopal Church for about five years.

Kitty attended her first meeting of the Women of St. Barnabas three and a half years ago and she chuckles to say she was declared president that same day. Ann White handed the scrapbook and the reigns over to the enthusiastic newcomer, and when you speak with Kitty, you can understand why. Kitty exudes an aura of energy and competence, and you can sense that it is underlined with determination. (Ladies, don't let this scare you out of attending a meeting!)

Kitty was raised as a Roman Catholic in Fairfield, Kentucky. Now a widow, she moved to Borrego with her husband of 36 years, James. Upon joining St. Barnabas, she got involved right away.

The Women of St. Barnabas meet together for fellowship and primarily raise money for community outreach. During Kitty's reign they have made donations to Hospice Home Care, the Borrego Springs Children's Center, the Boys and Girls Club, Slab City ministries, and many other local causes.

Of course, at only 86, Kitty is not planning to slow down yet. Her next projects at St. Barnabas include organizing the library as well as ushering and hostessing on Sundays. "I'll do wherever I'm needed," she says.

-by Joanie Cahill

A note from the Editor:

The Digital Carillon



Over the last two months we've been experimenting with sending your Carillon newsletter via the internet. So far, it has been a resounding success and we're proud to be saving time, mailing costs and the numerous natural resources involved in printing a publication and having it delivered to your mailbox. We're also glad we can reach you wherever the summer winds take you.

However, we realize that some of you will prefer to get your newsletter the "old-fashioned" way and that is fine with us. Please let our church secretary Lynnise know if that is your preference. You can leave a message for her at 767-4038 or if you prefer, she can be reached by email at: LynniseWilderson@stbarnabasborrego.com



Summer worshippers will be delighted to hear our new piano, donated by Dorothy Mackay.

PASSINGS...

We give thanks for the lives of former St. Barnabas Choir Director Bill Westphal, as well as the fathers of L.Louise Jee and Brian Cahill.



Happy Fourth of July!

As we celebrate our nation's independence here is a prayer for those who protect our freedom and those nations whose citizens are still seeking security and peace.

Praise to you, ever-watchful God,
for you are our refuge and strength
in every time and place.

Send your blessing upon those
who are serving our country
in the armed forces.

By your powerful Spirit,
shield them from all harm.

Uphold them in good times and bad,
especially when danger threatens.

Let your peace be the sentry
that stands guard over their lives,
so that they may return home safely.

Look with compassion on all victims of war;
ease their sufferings and heal their wounds.

Put an end to wars over all the earth,
and hasten the day when the human family
will rejoice in lasting peace.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your
Son, who lives and reigns as the Prince of Peace,
both now and for ever. Amen.

+John F. Kinney
Bishop of Saint Cloud, MN

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The People's Corner

by Bill Walker, The People's Warden

Wherever You Are, Share Yourself!

Greetings from Lake of the Woods. I am on my yearly sabbatical to commune with nature. Life is much simpler here on an island.

It is interesting that many of us are so dispersed in the summer, yet stay connected through the Carillon. No matter where you are, you can reach out to someone new. Share a little of yourself.

One of the negative energies that most of us have is worry. We all do it, even though we know it doesn't help. It can cause stress which we know is not good for us. One of the ways I alleviate stress is through exercise. Try it today.

Women of St. Barnabas

by Nancy Bye, Chair: Gifts, Endowments and Memorials

He Ain't Heavy...

We were reminded of their plight by an article in the *Borrego Sun* by Maris Brancheau (branch water!) and in a letter from Methodist Marjorie Schuessler to all the churches in town. And so, at the June luncheon meeting at Kendall's of the Women of St. Barnabas, our president Kitty Phelps suggested that the group donate \$500 from their coffers, and have Ernie Loza take water to the people of Slab City where there is none. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Kitty was able to secure 50 cases (24 1.5 liter bottles in each) from Borrego Bottled Water for \$375. Parishoners also donated clothes, towels and toiletries. In July the Altar Guild will donate \$250 to add to the Womens' remaining \$125 and donate another 50 cases of water to our neighbors.



You can help too!

Save your hotel soaps and lotions for the people of Slab City. Leave them, as well as donations of bottled water, in the basket at the side entrance to the church.

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ington DC as the new Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church and Nancy+ has already spoken of her intention to be there!

While +Katharine was one of four bishops proposed by the nominating committee and three more males had been nominated "from the floor", we had no feel for how the bishops would vote. As it turned out, after the first ballot, the election was between two bishops only. First thing on Monday morning, our Presiding Bishop, +Frank, read the greetings and congratulations sent to +Katharine from the Archbishop of Canterbury, along with greetings and congratulations from a number of other primates.

We knew some people would disapprove her election. So we were not surprised that the next action was from Fort Worth bishop Jack Iker informing the House of Bishops that he had sent a fax to the Archbishop of Canterbury requesting alternate Primatial oversight. Fort Worth, Texas and Quincy, Illinois are the two remaining dioceses where the bishop refuses to ordain women as priests.

Internationally, the main business for this Convention to accomplish was to give an official response to the Windsor Report. After our 2003 General Convention many Anglican Provinces did not understand why we had given consent to the election in New Hampshire of a divorced priest living in an open, long-term, monogamous relationship with another man. Nor did many Anglican Provinces understand how the Canadian diocese of New Westminster could authorize the blessing of same gender relationships. They asked the Archbishop of

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Canterbury to appoint an international commission to study the issue of communion among all Anglicans. The outcome was a document commonly referred to as the Windsor Report.

Most of the last two days of the convention was spent discussing a response drafted by the current Presiding Bishop. He presented it in joint session with the caution that it would not please everyone. For some it would say too much; for others it would say too little. He was correct. After it was passed by both the Bishops and the Deputies, a few bishops called a press conference saying the response did not endorse the Windsor Report strongly enough while another group of bishops lamented that it had betrayed the action of the last General Convention.

What everyone agreed on was that the Episcopal Church wants to remain part of the Anglican Communion. However, we want this to happen while we remain faithful above all to the Holy Spirit who continues to call us into the future.

Sincerely,
Alex+/Nancy+



The Rt. Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Bishop of Nevada, will become Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church in November.

Mark Your Calendar

The **Women of St. Barnabas** will gather at Kendall's for lunch at noon on the first Wednesday in July, August and September.

The **Welcome Back Dinner** will be held on Nov. 12th at the Roadrunner Club.

Only ONE Service
through October!
Join us at
8:30am

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