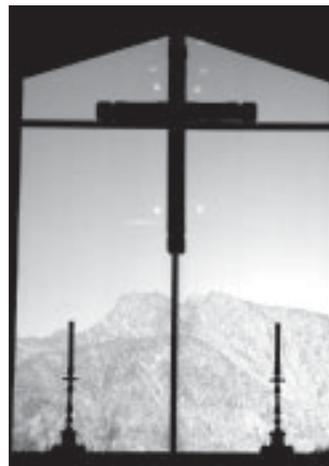


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Traveling With Jesus

Summertime is prime time for traveling. St. Barnabas parishioners are well known for traveling anytime but especially during the current heat wave we are experiencing. The 115 degrees we usually consider normal during August, this summer we have gotten already in July.

In addition to the temperature, summer travels are also prompted by births, illnesses, graduations, weddings, anniversaries and just plain wanderlust. Regardless of the reason or the destination, how aware are we of some of the religious dimensions of traveling? For sure we will see different topography which will prompt awe at the starkness and/or beauty of our new physical surroundings, but how much attention do we pay to the different faces we see on our journey? We are suggesting that this summer we

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choose to see and recognize the face of Jesus in the faces of the people we encounter in our traveling.

We all believe in the presence of Jesus in the Gospels, in the sacraments, in the assembly whenever we gather to worship, in the ministers, but have we ever heard of acknowledging Jesus in the faces of those we are seeing for the first time in our travels?

As we live more reflective lives, usual ways of passing time, especially while we are driving, can give way to meditations on the uniqueness of each face, on a recognition of a glimpse into the singularity of each human being. Martha and Patsy Mitchell can smile about the “identical” of their being identical twins. Of course they are correct, there is no such thing as “identical” twins. To the untrained eye, especially when they dress similarly, there is initial difficulty in not confusing one for the other. (We can speak from experience!) But once you engage them in conversation, once you listen to the story of their lives so far, you are impressed far more by how they are different rather than how they are similar. This is equally true for every person.

All spiritual practices require discipline. So too with initiating one. If we remind ourselves each day that we want to pay special attention to our surroundings, and particularly to the persons with whom we

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A Jolt of a Different Kind - Part Two

(Excerpts from this film, *Traces of the Trade* were first shown to the Executive Council of the National Church during its March meeting in Philadelphia. The Council members then invited the film's producer and director Katrina Browne to attend their April meeting. Ms. Browne accepted readily as a means to support proposed resolutions on reparations and apologies for slavery. During that meeting the council passed a resolution urging the convention planners "to make every effort to show the film. . . to the entire convention." It was, and here is my second installment about the film we pre-viewed at Convention.)

Complete silence prefaced applause and then, the first screening in Columbus of the rough cut of "Traces of the Trade: A Story from the Deep North," received a standing ovation. Many who approached Ms. Browne, both men and women, lay and Bishop, had trouble speaking. It was a powerful movie – and we'd only seen a shortened version of the full length documentary.

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The enslavement of Africans was business for more than just the DeWolf family. It was a cornerstone of Northern commercial life. The Triangle Trade drove the economy of many port cities (Rhode Island had the largest share in the trade of any state), and slavery itself existed in the North for over 200 years. Northern textile mills used slave-picked cotton from the South to fuel the Industrial Revolution, while banks and insurance companies played a key role throughout the period. Many of these

entities, banks and insurance and other holding companies for example, were formed, by James DeWolf and a "few" friends.

Over several weeks during the summer of 2001, the DeWolf family members retraced the steps of the Triangle Trade, visiting the DeWolf hometown of Bristol, Rhode Island, the slave forts on the coast of Ghana, and the ruins of family plantations in Cuba. Family members met with scholars and held interracial dialogues in each country. Much of this was difficult for them. The discoveries, like the whips and irons used, were more than some of them thought they could handle.

Tom, a non-church goer, was particularly upset when standing in the room where their ancestor bartered for slaves. This was in Cuba, in the basement of the Anglican Church, and if that weren't enough, a person of prominence back then in Rhode Island, his relative, James "DeWolf" was the 18th Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church!! To hear the family's conversations among themselves and with others was not only difficult for them, but it was also difficult to watch.

One year later, the family reunited in order to confront the thorny topic of what to do now. In the context of growing calls for reparations for slavery, family members struggled with the question of how to think about and contribute to "repair."

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The plight of Blacks in America has always been a heart-rending story for me. I particularly remember a *Life* magazine that was delivered to our home in the 1950s where there was a full page picture of a black man hanging from a tree. The picture on the oppo-

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Are We Ready for the Big One?

by Joanie Cahill

Nobody wants to think about disasters, and who wants to spend an afternoon putting together a preparedness kit when you could be golfing or swimming? But as we saw with Hurricane Katrina, you may have only your family and your neighbors to rely on when the big one hits.

Here in Borrego Springs, our spectacular scenery is the direct result of the many earthquake faults that criss-cross below us. There are over 30 recorded quakes a day in the Borrego area, however most are not big enough for us to feel. There is no doubt that a bigger quake will occur here in the future. So...are you ready?

Local children are taught to “drop, cover and hold.” That is certainly sage advice for the first few minutes of a quake. After the shaking is done, the real work begins. Most experts agree that you should be able to take care of yourself for a minimum of 72 hours. It may be up to two weeks before prescription medicines can be replaced. Here are some ideas to help you be ready to care for yourself and your neighbors until help arrives.

Can you...

- Turn off the gas?
- Turn off the main water valve?
- Find the main circuit breaker?
- Manually open your garage door?
- Purify water for drinking?
- Operate a fire extinguisher?

Have you designated...

- A place where you will meet with your spouse or other family members if you are away from home during the quake?
- An out-of-area person to be your contact in an emergency? Do you know their phone number by memory?

Each of us should take the time to put together an emergency kit and keep it someplace accessible. The most BASIC kit should include: water (one gallon per person per day); first aid kit; first aid book; food; pet or other special needs items; can opener; blankets or sleeping bags; medicines, old pair of glasses; (in Borrego we might want to add sunglasses and hat or sunscreen); flashlight; radio; batteries; heavy shoes (there may be lots of broken glass around); trash bags and soap.

If you are disabled or have special medical needs, it is a good idea to develop a support team. Create a group of people who understand your needs and could help you in an emergency. Choose people from each of the places where you spend the most time. You'll want friends who are calm, strong, and good listeners for this job.

In addition to the supplies kit, it's a good idea to keep a Ziplock bag with copies of your prescriptions, a phone contact list, insurance cards and any special information about your health or medical equipment. You can send one copy of this to your contact person, keep one in the car, and put one with your emergency kit.

Now that you've taken care of yourself, you're ready to help take care of others. In next month's Carillon we'll look at what we can do as a parish and as a community to help each other during an emergency.

For more information, visit: sdcounty.ca.gov/oes
To find out about the latest quakes in Borrego, go to: quake.usgs.gov and click on “latest quake info.”

Parish Emergency Support

Fred/L Louise Jee are the parish team leaders in this endeavor. They will represent us at the San Diego County's Department of Emergency Services presentation on Aug 9th from 6:30 - 7:30pm at the library. (All are welcome.) They will also represent us at the diocesan meeting on Sept 23rd at Del Mar, again, to which all are invited. The vestry will address this topic at its Sept 18th meeting.

75th General Convention 2006

by Victor A. Levine

Editor's Note: This is part two in our series on the actions taken by this year's General Convention which took place in Ohio earlier this summer.

The General Convention, besides electing a presiding bishop and responding on the issues of the ordination of bishops and blessing of same-gender unions, committed the Church to a central mission priority by endorsing the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

Those goals aim at the eradication of poverty and hunger by 2015 through a series of ambitious actions with which the church was in full agreement:

- Reduce child mortality
- Improve maternal health
- Promote gender equality and empower women
- Achieve universal primary education
- Combat HIV and AIDS, and other diseases
- Ensure environmental sustainability
- Create a global partnership for development, focusing on debt relief, aid and trade.

The Church's central mission was reflected in Presiding Bishop-elect Jefferts Schori's response in a recent *Time* interview. Speaking on the direction of the U.S. Church under her leadership: "Our focus needs to be on feeding people who go to bed hungry, on providing primary education to girls and boys, on healing people with AIDS, on addressing tuberculosis and malaria, on sustainable development."

The convention, in committing to UN Millennium goals:

- Urged each diocese and congregation to give generously;
- Endorsed a campaign calling on the US government to spend more to combat global poverty;
- Called on the committee preparing the Church's new budget to make provision for financially supporting the overall effort.



Presiding Bishop-elect Jefferts Schori greets members of the House of Deputies at the General Convention. Photo courtesy Episcopal News Service.

In addition, the Convention voted on other missions which ranged from advancing the cause of human rights, to the making of peace with justice, to matters of Church governance and policy. **Those issue-driven missions included:**

- Pressing for the defense of civil rights and equality before the law
- Providing child care & summer camps for children in need
- Supporting unions & pressing for living-wage legislation
- Urging an end to war in Iraq, Palestine, and elsewhere

On Church matters, missions included:

- Promoting evangelism, reconciliation & Church growth
- Advancing partnerships in the Anglican Communion, also in ecumenical and interfaith situations which would include response to disasters.
- Paying reparations for past actions, relative to slavery
- Enhancing liturgy & music offerings

In addition, deputies at Convention agreed to:

- Update and clarify Church theology & liturgy
- Meet the needs of congregational & diocesan media
- Streamline Church governance
- Aid seminarians
- Make additions to Church Year Calendar

To support those actions, along with appropriate administrative costs, deputies voted out a 3-year budget of \$152 million. That figure represented an additional \$10 million (7%) over the current budget. (To be continued)

For a complete text of resolutions visit: www.episcopalchurch.org and follow the links.

What is the Episcopal Church (USA)?

from Episcopal News Service

The Episcopal Church in the United States of America is sometimes called ECUSA. The Episcopal Church is a province of the Anglican Communion.

A conference of three clergy and twenty-four lay delegates met at Chestertown, Kent County, Maryland, on Nov. 9, 1780, and resolved that “the Church formerly known in the Province as the Church of England should now be called the Protestant Episcopal Church.” On Aug. 13, 1783, the Maryland clergy met at Annapolis and adopted the name “Protestant Episcopal Church.”

At the second session of the 1789 General Convention, Sept. 29-Oct. 16, 1789, a Constitution of nine

articles was adopted. The new church was called the “Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America” (PECUSA). The word “Protestant” noted that this was a church in the reformation tradition, and the word “Episcopal” noted a characteristic of catholicity, the historic episcopate.

The church has grown from thirteen dioceses to over 100. It is divided into nine geographical provinces. It is governed by a bicameral General Convention, which meets every three years, and by an Executive Council during interim years.

The General Convention consists of the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies. The House of Bishops is composed of every bishop with jurisdiction, every bishop coadjutor, every suffragan bishop, every retired bishop, every bishop elected to an office created by General Convention, and every bishop who has resigned because of missionary strategy. All members of the House of Bishops have seat and voice in the House of Bishops.

The House of Deputies is composed of up to four lay and four clerical deputies from each of the dioceses. The two top leaders of the church are the Presiding Bishop, who is also called Primate and Chief Pastor, and the president of the House of Deputies.

The 1967 General Convention voted to add a preamble to the Constitution, which states, “The Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, otherwise known as The Episcopal Church (which name is hereby recognized as also designating the Church)....” The title page of the 1979 BCP states that the Book of Common Prayer is “According to the use of The Episcopal Church.”

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--Bishop-elect Jefferts Schori

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site page was of a well-dressed man, on the steps of the Capitol building, who, having just been acquitted of the murder, was explaining how he and some friends did it!

To my young mind, that just couldn't come together and be the America I thought I knew. So I wasn't surprised that I went through a fair amount of Kleenex while previewing this film, a film that had been cut to only 40 minutes. Later that week, we took my son K.C. to another, longer showing. He too was very moved.

After re-acquainting ourselves with Tom DeWolf, we discovered he'd put everything aside and dedicated himself to writing a book of this experience. He told Alex and me he just needed to find a publisher. We spoke to the editors at Church Publishing Company's booth in the exhibit hall, and then put him in touch with them. Hopefully, that group or one of the publishing vendors there will be able to do the job. He has since written me to say he spoke with that publishing company and they are indeed interested. Now he is to find an agent and the means to give the book the widest readership. He will keep us informed.

After viewing the movie a friend of ours, Bishop Steven Charleston of Episcopal Divinity School,

said that "Like everyone else in the room, I think I was deeply moved and touched somewhere deeply in my own spirit and soul, but I had another reaction that I think was even more profound. . . that was the embodiment of hope, the possibility of healing, of reparations or renewal and a hope that will not be denied."

The proposed resolutions on reparations and apologies for slavery passed unanimously in both House of Bishops and the House of Deputies.

Traces of the Trade is being independently produced for national and international television broadcast. Ms. Browne, who has a master's degree in theology and wrote her thesis on film and democratic dialogue, needs another \$100,000 to complete the final editing. It is a wonderful project on a number of levels. I'm hopeful that it will be released to PBS in the not too distant future. I can't wait to see the full version, and I hope you can't either!

Nancy+

The People's Corner

by Bill Walker, The People's Warden

Giving Your Time to Others

When you spot a new recipe, you can make it and invite company. It could be just a friend or two for dinner and good conversation, a new taste, and the fun of sharing a meal. It could be a new friend you met today. The best part of a meal is the sharing - just on the spur of the moment.

There is something special about giving your time to others. Analyze yourself. What are your talents? Are you good at fixing things, building things, or organizing?? Are you like me, a born physical trainer and teacher?? Could you read to someone or discuss your latest book?

Start thinking about the talents you take for granted that God has given you.

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come in contact, we will soon develop a habit. This habit of really looking and listening, with the idea that we are seeking Jesus in the other, then becomes a new spiritual discipline.

This new discipline then rewards us with new insights about people. To see each of them as loved unconditionally by God will undoubtedly be jolting in some cases, but at the end of the day much will

be revealed to us by our God, about others and at least as important about ourselves.

Consider this venture. Begin to let the love and wisdom of our God be revealed to us as we travel on our journeys. . . even if they are just around town!

Sincerely,

Alex+/Nancy+

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Happenings

Guest Organist Saves the Day

Ecumenism and friendship meet. Visiting Presbyterian Minister, and house guest, Peg Ferguson, upon hearing the night before from Alex+ and Nancy+ that we had no organist, stepped up to the keys and pulled out all the stops! She and husband, Rev. Bob, (long-time friends of our priests) were visiting from Rhode Island for a week.

photo at right: Peg shares her talents at the St. Barnabas organ.



Dick and Mayo's New Homes

Dick Linkroum and Mayo Goffard are enjoying their new homes at My Father's Ranch in Wickenburg AZ. On July 23-24, they welcomed and visited with Bob Cassidy, Kitty Phelps, and Alex+/Nancy+. Guess who took the picture?

Kohlers Reunited

Not one to steal the lime light, Ginny Kohler (92) celebrated her husband, Roy's, 96th birthday with him. The following day, she completed her earthly pilgrimage. Roy waited six weeks and then on July 9, 2006, he joined her. Having been married to each other for more than 70 years, they are reunited again. . . this time, never to be separated again.

Mark Your Calendar

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

Sarah's Circle will meet at Kendalls at noon on Saturday, August 19th. Call Mary Levine, 767-7746

The **Welcome Back Dinner** will be held on Nov. 12th *here at St. Barnabas*. Watch for details!



St. Barnabas's youngest parishoner turns two this month! Happy Birthday to Erin Kelly Cahill, pictured here with her special friend, "Monkey".

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