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'Seeds of Hope' at St. John's School

At top: City and church officials gathered on Oct. 16 at St. John's Episcopal School, Rancho Santa Margarita, as Bishop Suffragan Diane Jardine Bruce dedicated and blessed the new "Seeds of Hope" garden. At left: Bishop Bruce leads the "releasing of the worms" into the raised beds that will be tended by the upper-grade schoolchildren. Above: Early-education center students cluster around their own garden, which Bruce also blessed during the event.

Hillsides receives \$2 million bequest

Hillsides, the Episcopal Church-related social service agency for children in Pasadena, has received a \$2 million bequest, the largest in its 101-year history, the result of a planned gift made by Dorothy Pierose, a longtime supporter who died in 2013.

Pierose, a member of All Saints, Pasadena, and later St. Michael & All Angels, Corona del Mar, was married to Perry N. Pierose, M.D., a prominent physician in Los Angeles County who died in 1990.

The bequest will be used to fund Hillsides' capital campaign, a \$12-million project intended to improve its aging main campus, which houses a residential treatment program for 62 children and a school for children with special needs. The improvements will include a new expressive arts center with almost double the art space than now exists; a new music room; a large indoor recreation area and gym; expanded playing fields; a modernized kitchen; and a new dining commons, according to a release from Hillsides.

Half of the Pierose bequest will go directly into the capital campaign; the rest will be reserved as a pool of matching funds to generate new contributions to the campaign, which began Oct. 1 and will continue until March 31, 2015.

"This gift comes at an extraordinary time for Hillsides, and we are honored and humbled to be the recipient," said Hillsides chief executive officer Joseph M. Costa. "With this donation, Hillsides' capital campaign cabinet has now raised more than \$6 million, and the bequest has the possibility of raising up to \$2 million more. This gives our campaign a huge boost and supports Hillsides' evolution as the leader for family-centered treatment and education services in Southern California."

Deaconess Evelyn Wile of the Episcopal Church founded what is now Hillsides 101 years ago as an orphanage. Since then, it has grown into a multi-faceted provider of behavioral and educational services.

For more about Hillsides' capital campaign, contact Carrie Espinoza at 323.543.2800, ext. 221, or cespinoza@hillsides.org, or visit www.hillsides.org/capital-campaign.

DOK to hear of 'Camino' journey at Fall Assembly

The Daughters of the King of the Diocese of Los Angeles will gather for their Fall Assembly on Saturday, Nov. 1 at Prince of Peace Church, 5700 Rudnick Avenue, Woodland Hills.

The main speaker will be the Rev. Canon Kelli Grace Kurtz, who will share her experiences walking the Camino de Santiago in Spain earlier this year, inspiring many



Kelli Grace Kurtz

who followed her journey through her posts on Facebook. Nov. 1 is the Corporate Day of Worship for Daughters of the King, and all Daughters are encouraged to attend.

Check-in hospitality begins at 8:30 a.m. Eucharist at 9:30 a.m. will be followed by the program, ending with lunch at 12:30 p.m. Registration is \$15 per person prior to Oct. 28, \$20 later and at the door. To register online, visit conta.cc/ZH0gaK. For additional information and assistance, contact Christine Budzowski at 310.948.0056 or email to dok@ecwlosangeles.org.

— SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 —

2 p.m. **Organ Concert: Curt Sather**
St. Francis Episcopal Church
2200 Via Rosa, Palos Verdes Estates
Information: 310.375.4617 / www.stfrancispv.org

3 p.m. **Memorial Event: Larry & Denise Bressler**
Chefs Center of California
45 N San Gabriel Blvd, Pasadena
Information: 626.744.9995

4 p.m. **Los Angeles Bach Festival Concert**
All Saints Episcopal Church
132 N. Euclid Avenue, Pasadena
Tickets: labachfest.org
Information: mhayes@allsaints-pas.org

— TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28 —

7 p.m. **'Taking Your Photography to a Higher Level,' with Terry Long**
Trinity Episcopal Church
419 South 4th Street, Redlands
Information: 909.793.2014

— SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1 —

1 - 5 p.m. **Bingo Afternoon**
St. Philip's Episcopal Church
2800 Stanford Avenue, Los Angeles
Information: 323.323.3494

— SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2 —

4 p.m. **Highland Way Celtic Band**
Trinity Episcopal Church
419 South 4th Street, Redlands
information: 909.793.2014

5 p.m. **All Saints' Sunday Evensong**
All Saints' Episcopal Church
504 N Camden Drive, Beverly Hills
Information: 310.275.0123

8 p.m. **All Saints Evening Service**
St. Alban's Episcopal Church
581 Hilgard Avenue, Los Angeles
Information: 310.208.6516

More listings and details may be found at www.ladiocese.org. (Calendars)

Mind the gap

By Diane Jardine Bruce

In this week's gospel Jesus offers the summary of the law, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." It is this summary of the law that defines our relationship with our Triune God as those around us.

In the Province of Hong Kong, my husband Steve and I, along with other bishops and spouses, encountered churches in this, the newest and smallest province of the Anglican Communion, living out Jesus' words. The churches in the Province of Hong Kong, while small in number, are large in their offering of social services. They work to meet the needs of tens of thousands of the poor, the voiceless and the most vulnerable.

While touring various church-sponsored social service agencies I kept on hearing the

summary of the law in my head — they were loving their neighbor as themselves, rooted in their devotion to God.

I couldn't get the images I saw of people being cared for in such loving ways out of my mind. My feelings of deep gratitude came into sharp focus on the MRT (the subway) when I heard and then saw the sign — *Mind the Gap*. People are cautioned not only on the MRT but throughout Hong Kong to mind the gap — and that's exactly what the churches in the Province are doing. They have paid attention to, and are actively addressing the needs of those who fall into the gap. We too are called to mind the gap — loving our neighbor as ourself, giving voice to the voiceless, caring for those in need, all rooted in our following Jesus Christ. In what ways are you and your congregation minding the gap? †



Fall is time for United Thank Offering ingathering

The United Thank Offering, the agency behind the blue mite boxes in which many Episcopalians deposit coins as they offer prayers of thanksgiving, will hold its annual ingathering of those offerings in November, around All Saints' Day. Many congregations establish a "UTO Sunday" about that time to gather together their parishioners' blue boxes, filled with money that will be used to fund grants for ministries in the Episcopal Church and its Anglican Communion partners.

"The United Thank Offering Blue Boxes are reminders that 'it is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord,' says a notice from the organization.

"The UTO Offering ... is the sum of our

daily thanks for the blessings in our everyday lives," says Lynn Headley, diocesan UTO coordinator, "for good weather, happy times, job opportunity, a new family member, unexpected visits — there are so many things for which we can be thankful. It is a practice in our life in Christ and begins with daily prayers and gifts of thanksgiving."

Congregations may send their ingathering to Headley at 17671 San Rafael Street, Fountain Valley 92708. The check should be made payable to the ECW (Episcopal Church Women) and marked UTO in the memo line.

For information, contact Headley at lynnheadleygc@earthlink.net or visit www.episcopalchurch.org/page/united-thank-offering. †

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