



Pre-Convention Assemblies set in local deaneries

Deanery assemblies preceding Diocesan Convention's Dec. 4 – 5 Annual Meeting have been scheduled to preview pending legislation, budget and other business. Dates and times are as follows:

Deanery 1: Saturday, November 7, 9 a.m., St. Paul's Church, 3290 Loma Vista Road, Ventura 93003

Deanery 2: Saturday, November 14, 10 a.m. – noon, St. Stephen's Church, 24901 Orchard Village Road, Santa Clarita 91355-3074

Deanery 3: Saturday, October 31, 10 a.m. – noon, St. James in the City, 3902 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles 90010-3301

Deanery 4: Saturday, November 14, 10 a.m. – noon, St. Mark's Church, 1020 North Brand Boulevard Glendale 91202-2907

Deaneries 5 and 6: Sunday, November 22, 3 p.m., Grace Church, 555 East Mountain View Avenue, Glendora 91741-2764

Deanery 7: Saturday, November 14, 10 a.m. – noon, Trinity Church, 419 S 4th Street, Redlands 92373

Deanery 8: Sunday, November 1, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m., St. Gregory's Church, 6201 East Willow Street, Long Beach 90815-2247

Deaneries 9 and 10: Saturday, November 7, 9 a.m. – noon, St. Clement's by-the-Sea Church, 202 Avenida Aragon, San Clemente 92672-5015

Further information may be obtained from Canon Janet Wylie, Secretary of Convention, at the Cathedral Center. ☩



Celebrating 125th anniversary in Seoul

The Anglican Church of Korea on Oct. 3 celebrated 125 years of ministry, welcoming colleagues in the Anglican tradition from all over the globe, including representatives from the Diocese of Los Angeles. Bishop Suffragan Diane Jardine Bruce, who oversees multicultural ministries in this diocese, received a special award for her ministry work partnering with the Diocese of Seoul and the Korean Church.

Bishop Coadjutor listening sessions complete Profile in progress to reflect diocesan life

After collecting feedback from fourteen live listening sessions around the diocese with over 250 attendees, and reading through over fifty questionnaires submitted online, the Bishop Coadjutor Search Committee is now in the process of writing the diocesan profile. Committee Chair Rev. Canon Julian Bull says the committee plans to publish the profile by early November and will begin soliciting nominations immediately once the profile is public. The profile will soon be available online through the diocesan website.

The timeline for the search process remains as is previously published:

- November 2015: Diocesan profile completed and call for nominations
- December 2015: Screening begins with interviews, visits and background checks through Spring 2016
- Late Summer 2016: Announcement of nominees
- Fall 2016: Events to meet the nominees on the slate

- December 2016: Election by Diocesan Convention

The Committee has asked for the prayers of the entire diocesan community as the process of soliciting and vetting nominees is imminent. ☩

-- from a report from the Coadjutor Search Committee Chair, the Rev. Canon Julian Bull ☩



When in Rome

In St. Peter's Square, Los Angeles Bishops Suffragan Diane Jardine Bruce and Mary D. Glasspool await public audience with Pope Francis on Oct. 7. Bruce and Glasspool were part of a delegation of Episcopal Church bishops suffragan who are in Rome at the invitation of Bishop Suffragan Pierre Whalon, who assists the Presiding Bishop in overseeing Episcopal congregations in Europe, for their regular retreat-consultation meeting. Other stops include a meeting at the Anglican Centre in Rome.

— SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11 —

3:30 p.m. **Works of Claude Debussy**
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— MONDAY, OCTOBER 12 —

7 p.m. **Science and Religion Study Group**
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— WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14 —

6 p.m. EDT **Episcopal Relief & Development Webinar**
Cathedral Center of St. Paul
840 Echo Park Avenue, Los Angeles
Information: 855.312.4325

7 p.m. **Documentaries on the European Migrant Crisis**
Church of the Messiah
614 N. Bush Street, Santa Ana 92701

— FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16 —

Desert Journeys 30th Anniversary Retreat
Patton's Altar Sight
near Desert Center, CA
Information: 760.362.4670

— SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17 —

8 p.m. **'Harmony from Conflict' Concert**
St. Bede's Church
3590 Grand View Boulevard, Los Angeles 90066
Information 213.533.9922

— SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 —

5 p.m. **Chamber Music Concert with Svyati Duo**
All Saints Church
504 N. Camden Drive Beverly Hills 90210
Information: 310.275.0123 ext. 112

7 p.m. **To Dad with Love: A Tribute to Buddy Ebsen**
St. Martin in-the-Fields Church
7136 Winnetka Ave, Winnetka 91306

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The Cost of Discipleship

By the Right Rev. Mary D. Glasspool

The man who approaches Jesus in today's Gospel Lesson goes away shocked and grieving after his encounter with Jesus. He may not have realized it, but he asked Jesus a big question, and he received a big answer in return. He was already living his life as a follower of the commandments, but seemed to feel there was something more. So when he persisted with his inquiries and got not the answer he may have wanted or expected, but the one that was from Jesus, he was more than startled and walked away.

This man reminds us of the *cost* of discipleship. We sometimes gloss over the cost of being a Christian. We make it relatively easy for people to become members of the Church. In fact, we are so anxious that they join us and come to church that we seldom (if ever) talk about the risk and the cost and the sacrifice that is involved. Jesus said there could be no competitors for the devotion and loyalty of the Christian to God. Ultimate loyalty and primary devotion for the Christian disciple must be given to God, said Jesus.

There is a cost to discipleship, and it is different for each of us. Usually the cost of discipleship has to do with giving up or breaking down any barrier that gets in the way of one's relationship to God. If wealth is what's getting in the way, than it may well be to *give up all your possessions and follow*. But Jesus didn't ask that of wealthy Zacchaeus. Zacchaeus was using his wealth in a

generous and honest way. Jesus encouraged him to do more of the same. Nicodemus was wealthy, too. He came to Jesus asking virtually the same question about eternal life. And Jesus said to him, *You must be born again!* Nicodemus' problem was not his wealth, but his racial pride. What Nicodemus valued most was having been born a son of Abraham. And his pride over that was what was keeping him from God.

It would be easy if there were one external rule to eternal life for everybody. There would be nothing to figure out, no individual mission with which to wrestle. But Jesus confronts each of his prospective disciples with a specific call, a mission that only she or he can do. Christianity asks us to respond to the call of Jesus with complete openness - even if it means giving away one's prized possessions. Life's journey consists in using one's God-given time, talents, and possessions in response to the unique call that each of us has from God. God calls us, supports us, gives us wonderful foretastes of eternal life in God's Reign, and promises to be with us through everything. The only real tragedy of today's Gospel story - or of anyone's story - is walking away from the call. †



Agreement reached to resolve Israel school strike

The Education Ministry and the Secretariat of Christian Schools in Israel arrived at an agreement late on Sunday, September 27 to restore some funding to the schools deemed "recognized but unofficial", ending a strike that had continued from the beginning of the school year and involved 47 church schools. The 33,000 students from these schools were able to return to their classes on Monday, September 28. A joint committee will be formed in the future, with equal representation from the min-

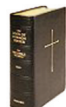
istry and the schools, to work out solutions to the legal and financial problems raised. A second group will be created to carry out those solutions and to foster cooperation between the ministry and the secretariat. By agreement, the schools will not be able to strike again until July 2017. The Diocese of Los Angeles is in an official companion relationship with the Diocese of Jerusalem. †

Source: Jeremy Sharon, *The Jerusalem Post*

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