

St. Peter's Episcopal Church Hosts Karen Eucharist 7/30/2017

Fr. Bu Christ who serves at All Saints' Church, Smyrna TN, is the only Karen Episcopal priest in the United States. He visited St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Louisville, Kentucky, on July 30th at the invitation of Suzanne Warner, St. Peter's Priest-in-Charge. The Karen people are survivors from Burma (Myanmar), many of whom have resettled in the Louisville area and attend St. Peter's. On other Sundays the Karen language is incorporated into parts of St. Peter's services, but this Sunday the service was mostly in the Karen language with some English translation. In addition to celebrating the Eucharist at the service, Fr. Bu Christ met afterwards with Karen parishioners and visitors to pray and exchange news of Karen family and friends elsewhere in the US, as well as those still in Thailand and Burma.

Aung Tun, a Karen deacon visiting Fr. Bu Christ from California, accompanied him and delivered the sermon, encouraging everyone in the congregation to follow Jesus' example so that all humanity will find peace and a good life. Yeh Win, an administrator at All Saints, shared news of their church and took photographs. Both St. Peter's and All Saints have grown in many ways because of the arrival of Karen refugees.

All Saints Church's story is to be told in a film to be released on August 21st of this year, called "All Saints." Yeh Win sported a backpack saying "Cast and Crew" and "All Saints" that was given to him by the directors during the filming. Yeh Win said it is uncertain whether whether the film will be released in Burma.

"All Saints" is scheduled in Louisville at Stonybrook Theatre, 2745 S. Hurstbourne Pkwy, August 24-30. Check theatre listings for times.