



# The Beehive

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## REPORTS FROM ANAHEIM: GENERAL CONVENTION 2009

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**Report #1:** Jesus speaks to us not only in the silence of our hearts but also through the voices and hearts of others, if we will but listen to them. Silence AND listening, both. Some people need a lot of silence; others need people. But both are important ways of hearing the Word of God.

At General Convention we did both. In spades. Intentionally and carefully. In spite of our tight schedules, salads in plastic boxes on the run, long committee meetings and legislative sessions. I heard more than one person tell me that as they listened, to testimony at microphones, to stories told in our small-group narrative sessions, in other conversations, these people told me they actually were changed by what they heard. Transformation happened.

This General Convention has been unlike any of the three I have been to, and senior Deputies who have been to many more than three have said the same thing. As the Bishop of Los Angeles put it, there has been less rancor at this Convention than any he's known. If you haven't heard much in the mainstream media about this Convention, I suspect that's precisely because the rancor level has been ratcheted way down.

Not that all 100-plus bishops and 447 deputies agree on everything. We don't, of course. But we were able to talk and hear each other when we needed to, and to be silent when we needed to be quiet, and above all to be focused on God's mission.

God's mission is our mission and the reason for our being. The mission of Jesus is the mission of the church. A mission of reconciliation and community.

That's UBUNTU—when people respect one another, when people accept where we are just now, when we care for each other because we know that we are part of each other, that we can't ignore one another, that we need each other, that we are all part of the Body of Christ.

It's not about winning and losing, about taking sides. The truth is bigger than one end or the other of a polarity, says our Presiding Bishop, the President of the House of Bishops.

General Convention Bishops and Deputies managed to craft graceful words that tried to draw people in rather than keep them out. Because that's what Jesus does.

Dr. Bonnie Anderson, the President of the House of Deputies, reminded us that when he healed the sick and other outcasts, Jesus was at the same time drawing them into the center, into the group, where everybody else was, where they belonged. So that they were no longer outcasts. "In this church, there are no outcasts," said former Presiding Bishop Edmund Browning in 1985. That became his signature statement, and in spite of painful budget trimming, which involved letting some programs and Church Center employees go, this Convention made "no outcasts here" real in new ways.

The poorest among us, those needing affordable health care, victims of domestic violence, gay and lesbian Episcopalians seeking ordination and other ministries within the church, the rest of the Anglican Communion---our church is committed to reaching out to them all, drawing them in because that's the only way we can live in UBUNTU.

Every creature and plant and thing in creation is a part of us, too, of course. UBUNTU is about all of creation, not just its human members. We humans rely for our very survival on the planet we have been given to live on. The merest speck of an insect to the largest of animals, the earth and its waters and the air we share, are all part of us. We bring them in, too. We dare not treat them as outcasts. We need them all.

Even if we forget the minutiae of each resolution, or the resolutions themselves, still, we who were there have absorbed it all somehow; what was said and done in Anaheim has gotten under our skin and into our hearts and will influence our lives and the lives of those we encounter in ways we can't now even imagine.

As I sat on the redeye from Los Angeles, it dawned on me somewhere over Lake Ontario that General Convention has been for me like a giant retreat, giving me new energy and hope. I'm counting on you now, that together, in a spirit of UBUNTU, you and I can surge ahead in Jesus' name with the mission God trusts us to perpetuate. Mission and evangelism begin with us!

## Report #2:

Yesterday in church someone asked what was the most important thing, for me, that I brought home from Convention. After a little thought, I replied "connections". First I really connected with the people from Maine, not only with our Bishop, deputies and canon for communication, but the ECW representatives as well. Bishop Steve had a room connecting to his that all of us used as a gathering place at the end of each day's legislative sessions. Those available would meet and talk about committee work, the goings on of the day and what was coming up. A wide variety of feedback. This led to an effective body of deputies on the floor of Convention. Each of us brought our skills into play and meshed well. Some are skilled people with resolutions, some are able to search out information, others see the whole picture, and all worked together effectively.

My assignment was to Program, Budget, and Finance (PB&F). In my deputy of the day report I mentioned some of the difficulties the commission faced in balancing the budget. We are a body of 25+ people who work in sub-groups first and then as a body of the whole. We balanced the budget and overcame many obstacles. We lowered the Diocesan asking and still found money for the MDG'S and an equal amount for domestic poverty. This put the mission of the Church as a high priority. We faced the difficult task of cutting back on the structure of the church and also empowered the Dioceses to administer some of their own functioning programs. Connections with members of PB&F were strong.

Connections were not the only thing I brought back. We passed legislation that will allow Bishops and Standing Committees to consider all qualified gay and lesbian persons called to any ministry in The Episcopal Church, tested through our discernment process and in accordance with our constitution and canons. We addressed several Peace and Justice issues, including the one put forth from the Diocese of Maine which was blended with one from, I believe, New York.

I also achieved the skill of eating salad from a plastic container while I was hurrying from one meeting to another, grabbing a mini pizza and an orange juice for a make shift supper and having breakfast consist of a yogurt parfait and coffee. My first home cooked meal was greatly appreciated.

I cannot emphasize enough how well the group of deputies and alternates worked. Everyone was prepared for what was before us and we helped each other keep track of which piece of legislation was currently on the floor. (That sounds easy, but at times we bounced around a lot)

Some of us are planning to talk to our own congregations and where possible, visit neighboring churches as well. There is a plan to have a workshop at convention this fall. I will work to make that a reality. As deputies and alternates, we are all elected until the next General Convention deputy and alternate election in Maine.

If you have questions please contact one of us.

- Peter Bickford, 1<sup>st</sup> Lay Deputy

## Report #3:

### **So you went to Triennial Meeting again! Why?**

There are so many reasons. Perhaps, one of the most important is that one experiences the breadth of the church as well as learn about the works of the women. The same women you work with in the business sessions may be your workshop leader, the chalice bearer at eucharist or the one person who shares the same passion you do. As the photographer for the Triennial Meeting, it was amazing to watch the womens' energy increase as they participated in workshops and networked with one another. Meditations by our chaplain, Rev. Ellen Sloan centered around women in the bible and how their work is also our work that weaves through our daily lives.

It is an opportunity to have an impact within the host diocese where General Convention/ Triennial Meeting is held. This year we supported Project Dignity. The Triennial delegates were able to contribute personal items and gift cards to this program that empowers families who are working multiple jobs to make ends meet. There was also the opportunity to be a social justice presence with the Disney workers who are striving to retain their health care insurance. These are the hotel workers, the ticket takers, the individuals that would not be able to afford health insurance on their own. We could sign a petition and/or be at their rally.

Bishop Steven Charleston's prophetic voice asked us to "Listen Sisters"! That same evening Bishop Michael Curry challenged us to "Go!" The following day author Phyllis Tickle shared with us about the emergent church and how grace has a way of leading us forward. The Archbishop of Canterbury spent about 45 minutes in the Triennial Meeting, listening to our chaplain's meditation before sharing with us the daily work that women are doing throughout the Anglican Communion. If it were not for the women much would be left undone.

Jericho Road Housing Initiative was the social justice focus. It is an Episcopal based program create communities and to build affordable housing in New Orleans. The homeowners agree to participate in the construction and the community outreach. Each house costs \$110,000.00 to build. The call went out to the women after the first of the year. Elisabeth von Trapp immediately wanted to be a part of it and after her performance on the Sunday night the E.C.W had raised over \$72,000.00. It is the intent of the women to have the first house paid for by the end of the year. Please ask me about ways to support this project. There is so much more that I could share, please ask me. The E.C.W. and U.T.O. are alive, well and busy!

***E.C.W. have changed their white gloves into working gloves!***

- Barbi Tinder, 1st Lay Alternate Deputy &  
Delegate to Women's Triennial

**WORSHIP AND OTHER PERSONNEL – AUGUST 2009 - ONE SERVICE @ 9:00 A.M.**

**PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO SERVE ON A SCHEDULED DATE, PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT AND LET THE CHURCH OFFICE KNOW THAT PERSON'S NAME BY THE TUESDAY MORNING BEFORE YOUR SCHEDULED DAY.**

	<b>AUGUST 02</b>	<b>AUGUST 09</b>	<b>AUGUST 16</b>	<b>AUGUST 23</b>	<b>AUGUST 30</b>
<b><u>EUCH. MINISTER</u></b>	Lynn Brown	Thelma Cunningham	Chris Pottle	Carlyn Watts	Barbi Tinder
<b><u>ACOLYTE</u></b>	Lynn Brown	Sue Emerson	Lynn Brown	Al Barth	Peter Hammond
<b><u>LECTOR</u></b>	Jeremy Hill—OT	Barbara Rooth—NT	Keith Willoughby- OT	James Lehr-NT	Caroline Leonard- OT
<b><u>USHERS</u></b>	Barry Vaill Tom Knight	Ann Bickford Hank Emerson	Henry Stewart David Stanley	Bonnie Trundy Beulah Ayer	Carlyn Watts Peter Blackman
<b><u>COUNTERS</u></b>	Bernice Kehn T. Cunningham	Bill Gibson Chris Pottle	Marcia Pottle Henry Stewart	Lynn Brown David Stanley	Tom Knight Chris Pottle
<b><u>COFFEE HOUR</u></b>	Ann Bickford	Kathy Parsons	Barbara & Priscilla Rooth	Joyce Hards	Carolee Garcia
<b><u>ALTAR GUILD</u></b>	<u>July 25—Aug. 07</u> Martha Eaton Cheryl Willey	<u>Aug. 08—Aug. 21</u> Joanne Lowell Jan Wall		<u>Aug. 22—Sept. 04</u> T. Cunningham Lynne Orsini	

**WORSHIP AND OTHER PERSONNEL – SEPTEMBER 2009**

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	<b>SEPTEMBER 06</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 13</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 20</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 27</b>
<b><u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</u> 8:00 A.M.</b>	Al Barth	Sue Emerson	Peter Bickford	Mary Bickford
<b>10:00 A.M.</b>	Allan Crane	Carlyn Watts	Tom Knight	Barbi Tinder
<b><u>ACOLYTE</u> 8:00 A.M.</b>	Al Barth	Sue Emerson	Peter Bickford	Peter Bickford
<b>10:00 A.M.</b>	Chris Pottle	Rachel Brennan	Andy Churchill	Thelma Cunningham
<b><u>LECTOR</u></b>	Jane Dann—OT	Ted Kehn—NT	Merton Lord—OT	Caroline Leonard—NT
<b><u>USHERS</u> 8:00 A.M.</b>	Ann Bickford	Hank Emerson	Mary Bickford	Carlyn Watts
<b>10:00 A.M.</b>	Peter Blackman Tom Knight	Pat & Henry Stewart	Tim & Donna Churchill	Bill & Jane Gibson
<b><u>COUNTERS</u></b>	Lynn Brown Marcia Pottle	Henry Stewart David Stanley	Tom Knight Bill Gibson	Bernice Kehn Thelma Cunningham
<b><u>COFFEE HOUR</u></b>	Cheryl Willey	Daryl Albury	Jo Ann Somers	Laurie Jones
<b><u>ALTAR GUILD</u></b>	<u>Sept. 05—Sept. 18</u> Beulah Ayer Bernice Kehn		<u>Sept. 19—Oct. 02</u> Mary Bickford Lilo Willoughby	

## YARD SALE JOURNAL

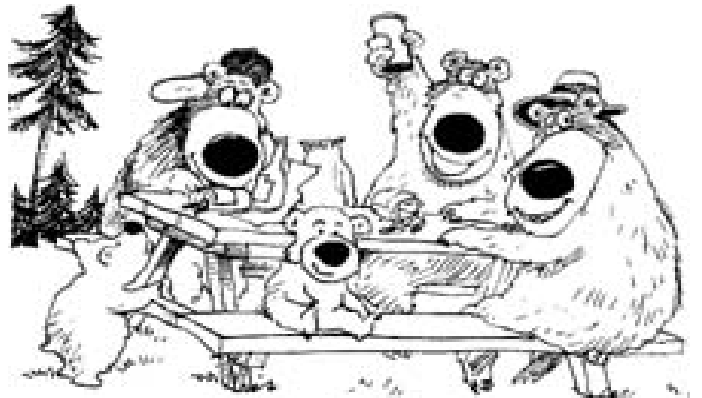
I have experienced two yard sales at Christ Church. I'm told that the parish took a break from such activities for several years as it is a BIG job!! The first one was just tremendous as a result. The merchandise came streaming through the doors in preparation for the sale. Most items were of very good quality. Even today I linger with some regrets over things I didn't buy. Someone donated an extraordinary collection of puppets. There was a "double jogging stroller" and I could have taken many a walk with my girls while Jesse was at school if I had thought to buy that. The problem was that I never thought to bring money to the sale because I was too focused on helping.

I really enjoyed helping set up the sale that year as I was still somewhat new to the parish and it gave me an opportunity to get to know some people and we had fun setting up and arranging the masses of items. It was truly a sea of yard sale. Breaking down the sale was even a bigger challenge as those of us who remained were just this side of dead. The merchandise that remained could have made a decent sale again, but we had no place to put it and Jim Toner had cleverly arranged for the stuff to be picked up by His Place, an after-school club for boys. We painstakingly removed the merchandise from the basement and stored it away. Ouch.

Last year, I had less to do with the sale. The more we involve ourselves, the dearer to our heart of course. I didn't bond with it. The organizers had a plan to have parishioners price their own items before bringing it to the church. Was that a good idea? I know that our prices the year before had been a bit on the low side! Oh well. We are here to serve our community. It was apparent that the quality of goods was a little less exciting than the prior year. However there were still plenty of treasures! I simple adore our 2 vintage fisher price cameras. Realistically, how can we hope that there is an unending supply of "too much"?

What to expect for this year's sale? I know that the more people who join in, the more fun it can be. But I wonder what will be coming in to sell this year? I am happy that I have gathered quite a lot, more than I have in the past. It helps that (I think) I have finally convinced Jim to forgo having our own sale. Sometimes it is very hard to know if something should be saved or removed from ones stock of stuff. I find that it is very rewarding to pass things on, even if I like them quite a lot. How is this item best served? Would someone else love it and use it much more than I do? It is truly more blessed to give than to receive. I have a lot more work to do between now and the sale. There are boxes yet to open and drawers yet to scour. Maybe I'll pass the word around to a friend or two to see if they might like to get rid of something...

- by Caroline Leonard



**Our Church Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, August 22nd.** Please be thinking ahead and digging out those un-needed, gently-used items (except clothes and large appliances) and bring them to church with you. They are being collected in the large Sunday school room downstairs in the church.

**RETURN TO REGULAR SCHEDULE OF SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER**

We will resume our regular schedule of services on the first Sunday in September — the 6th. Sunday services will be at 8:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M.

**FINANCIAL RECAP  
PERIOD ENDED 06/30/09**

Operating Income.....	\$ 72,037.
Expenditures.....	\$ 80,394.
Deficit .....	\$ - 8,357 .

At the mid-year point, we are at 61% of the deficit (\$13,612) projected for the year 2009. *Is your pledge current?*

- Tom Knight, Treasurer

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

01 Geneva Robinson  
Robert Dann  
02 Jeremy Hill  
03 John Russell  
Peter Blackman  
06 William Whitney  
07 Edward Keiser, III  
17 Carleton Brown  
Sarah Beth Brown  
Ronald Parsons  
19 Sue Emerson  
20 Julian Reyes (Guatemala)  
21 Bonnie Trundy  
23 Dean Pray  
Jerry O'Connor  
27 James Tinder



## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

01 Donald & Cecilia Adamson  
07 Douglas & Janet Wall  
Scott & Dawn Bickford  
Peter & Mary Bickford  
12 Carleton & Marilyn Brown  
22 Jose & Carolee Garcia  
24 Isaac & Mary Jo Russell  
26 Martin & Carlyn Watts  
31 William & Alison Whitney



### 2009 CHRIST CHURCH LEADERSHIP DIRECTORY

Rector:	Anne Stanley	Members of the Vestry:	
Parish Secretary:	Linda Caradonna	Beulah Ayer	743-5943
Senior Warden:	Carlyn Watts	Peter Blackman	583-4871
Junior Warden:	Barbi Tinder	Jeanne Byers	743-5762
Clerk:	Cheryl Willey	Ted Kehn	527-2313
Treasurer:	Tom Knight	Joanne Lowell	743-5540
Asst. Treasurer:	Marcia Pottle	Lynne Orsini	583-4589
		Bonnie Trundy	966-3276

## INSIDE OUTREACH

### Safe Passage Offers New Adult Literacy Program

At the coffee hour on Sunday, July 19, Pat and Henry Stewart showed a DVD showing the work of the new Adult Literacy Program at Safe Passage. Up to now, Safe Passage has provided schooling, medical and social services and a daily hot meal to almost 600 children of parents who work in the Guatemala City Dump. One of these students is Julian Reyes, a bright 10 year old supported by Christ Church.

Last year, a young Maine volunteer, Liz Love, initiated The Adult Literacy Program. The program teaches basic math and reading to the mothers of Safe Passage children. Fifty women, ages 20 to 75, are working to attain a sixth grade certificate, which in Guatemala is a big deal. Many participating mothers say they want to learn so they can help their children with their schoolwork. So far, eight women have graduated from the program and all have been awarded scholarships to secondary schools, many aiming for careers in nursing. A group of fathers has seen the benefits of the program and so a separate program for Safe Passage fathers has recently begun. As one participant exclaimed "Ay, Carumba!"

Besides reading and math, the mothers have learned to make beads out of recycled material. They combine these hand made beads with purchased beads to make necklaces, bracelets, and earrings sold at a small shop at Safe Passage. The jewelry project not only provides income for the women, but provides an opportunity to practice their writing and math skills as they market their product, calculate expenses, price items and account for income. One woman reported that she has a bank account, for the first time in her life. Examples of their work was on display in the Guild Room as a sneak preview for a sale to be held in November. The proceeds from the sale will benefit the Women's Literacy project and Christ Church.

As usual, parishioners were extremely generous in their support of Safe Passage, contributing \$518 on that one Sunday. Other contributions have been promised. Thank you for helping Safe Passage change the lives of many good, hardworking people of Guatemala City.

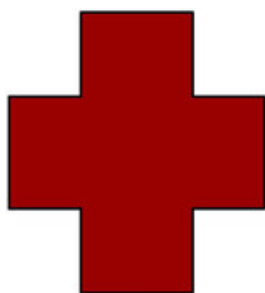
- Pat Stewart for the Outreach Committee

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**JULY/AUGUST  
 2009**

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**



Save the date of Monday, August 17th, for our annual Red Cross Blood Drive with our covenant partner, St. Catherine's. This year's drive will be held at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School from 12:30—6:30 P.M.,

and there is always a need for donors, workers, and callers. There are sign-up sheets posted in the Guild Room. If you have questions, please feel free to call or speak to Rosemary Laban. Her home phone in Bethel is 836-3331. This year's Drive set-up will be a bit different, but the Red Cross promises it will be more efficient. We will need people to work 3-hour shifts to help with registration, t-shirt giveaways, canteen, donating food for the canteen, and of course donors, both traditional donors and Double Red donors. Everyone's help is appreciated on many levels, and the Red Cross wants us to know how much they appreciate the positive approach Christ Church and St. Catherine's take on this much-needed event.

**IS YOUR CUP HALF FULL, TOO??**

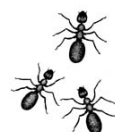
- ◆ On my way home one day, I stopped to watch a Little League baseball game that was being played in a park near my home. As I sat down behind the bench on the first-base line, I asked one of the boys what the score was. "We're behind 14-nothing," he answered with a smile. "Really," I said. "I have to say, you don't look very discouraged." "Discouraged?" the boy asked with a puzzled look on his face. "Why should we be discouraged? We haven't been up to bat yet."
- ◆ Whenever I'm disappointed with my spot in life, I stop and think about little Jamie. Jamie was trying out for a part in the school play. His mother told me that he'd set his heart on being in it, though she feared he would not be chosen. On the day the parts were awarded, I went with her to collect him after school. Jamie rushed up to her, eyes shining with pride and excitement. "Guess what, Mom?" he shouted. "I've been chosen to clap and cheer!"

- submitted by parishioner Carol Brown

**AUGUST CALENDAR**

Sunday services continue at 9:00 A.M.  
 Men's Lunch continues at noon on Wednesdays

- 02 Church Picnic (following church) at the Waterford home of Peter Blackman and Nancy King
- 16 10:30 A.M. Vestry
- 22 8:00 A.M. Church YARD SALE



**SUNDAY WORSHIP**

June—August 9:00 A.M.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sept. - May at 10:00 A.M.

**EUCCHARIST/HEALING SERVICE**

Wednesday at 9:30 A.M.

**MEN'S LUNCH**

Wednesdays at noon

*Please continue to pray for....* Keith, David, Karen, George, Pearl, Abby, Brendan, Forest, Kayla, Bill, Rose, Chris, and Toivo

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