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## *The Order of the Daughters of the King*

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Established 1828

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is to encourage and equip one another  
as baptized people of God, to witness  
to the transforming and reconciling power of Jesus Christ.

Welcome to the April 2011 issue of *Connections: home... parish... diocese*. We will accept submissions for *Connections* from throughout the diocese. **As space permits**, we will use as much content as possible, subject to editorial revision. Short announcements of 100 words or less may be sent via email to [connections@episcopal-diocese-tn.org](mailto:connections@episcopal-diocese-tn.org). For feature-length stories, contact us in the diocesan office at 615-251-3322.

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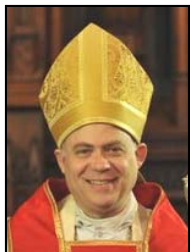
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## Reconciliation Of A Penitent



The Anglican tradition is full of hidden treasures, among the chief of which is the discipline of private confession, now usually called the Reconciliation of a Penitent.

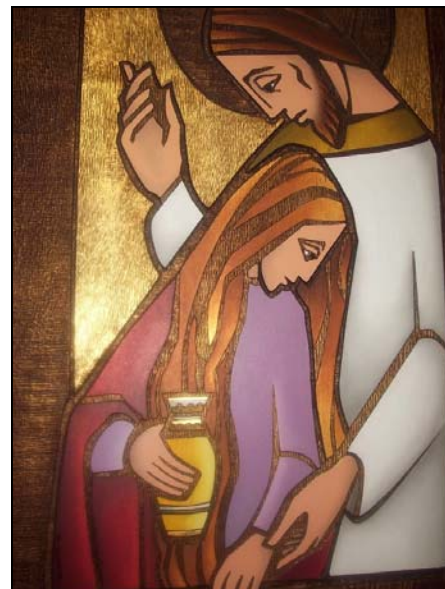
Forgiveness is basic to the Christian way of life, as we seek to do God's will and fall short of doing it. Episcopalians are encouraged to experience God's forgiveness in a number of ways: by acknowledging their sins in their own prayer before God; by use of the Confession and declaration of absolution by the priest which is a normal part of the celebration of the Eucharist; as well as by the rite of Reconciliation, now found in the Book of Common Prayer (456-462).

This rite continues the ministry Jesus gave to the Church, "*Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the*

*sins of any, they are retained*" (Jo. 20:22-23).

The Church has come to value the discipline of private confession because it is a way of spiritual growth. The discipline of self-examination of conscience is always helpful and ought to be practiced whether we use the Reconciliation of a Penitent or not, but it is doubly powerful when we open our conscience to a fellow Christian. Our perspective on our own actions is always limited, and we are not necessarily the ones best able to assure ourselves that God forgives us.

In this form of confession to a fellow Christian, there is opportunity for shared perspective, and the benefit of encouragement from another person who is on the same journey. When the confession is made to a priest, the absolution pronounced by him or her is given by one commissioned by God and authorized by the community to declare God's forgiveness. As the Prayer Book teaches, the priest is bound absolutely to keep confidential the contents of each confession, and never to bring them



up again unless invited to do so by the penitent.

Sin strikes most of us as a "gloomy" subject, but experiencing God's forgiveness is a crucial way of experiencing the victory of Jesus' resurrection. Lent is an appropriate time, especially as Holy Week and Easter draw near. If you are new to this way of growth in the Christian life you are encouraged to consult with a priest in advance so that he or she may answer any questions and help you prepare. Spiritual growth depends upon self-knowledge and shared perspectives in community, both of which are a part of the Reconciliation of a Penitent. — *Bishop John*

## Remaining Faithful and Focused

It is not difficult to keep the Faithful and Focused Annual Campaign in the forefront of the minds of the people of the Diocese of Tennessee. All we have to do, really, is just continue to talk about it. It's here to stay and it's growing all the time.

Yet there is still room for more people from throughout the diocese to be involved. Modest gifts and pledges are as welcome as the biggest gifts.

There is much work to be done in the Diocese of Tennessee and the funds from the Annual Campaign allow your diocesan leadership to prayerfully and thoughtfully consider these needs.

Contact the diocesan office at 615-251-3322 for more information or for pledge cards for the Faithful and Focused Annual Campaign.

### ATTENTION CLERGY: Clergy Colloquium Registration Information:

The Clergy Colloquium, May 10-12, 2011 will be held at the DuBose Conference Center, Monteagle.

Guest speaker will be the Rev. Victor Austin, theologian in residence at St. Thomas Church, Manhattan.

Clergy may arrive at 4:00 pm on Tuesday, May 10. The colloquium will end with a Eucharist at 11:00 am on Thursday, May 12.

You can register by e-mailing or calling Mitzi Kirby ([mitzi@episcopaldiocese-tn.org](mailto:mitzi@episcopaldiocese-tn.org) or 615-251-3322). There is no need to contact DuBose directly. This gathering is underwritten by the Diocese of Tennessee.

## Daughters of the King: “For His Sake”



On Easter Eve, April 4, 1885, the Order of the Daughters of the King was founded by Margret J. Franklin in New York. Originally a Bible Class, the purpose of the order was to arouse interest as

workers for Christ and His Church. The Alpha Chapter was the governing body until a National Order was established. Each Daughter resolved to pray to God every day of their lives for the blessing of the Holy Spirit to empower them in His work. In 1891, the Rev. Ralph Wood Kenyon was named the National Grand Chaplain and wrote the first constitution prior to the National Order being established.

The first chapter in the Diocese of Tennessee was St. Barnabas' Church Tullahoma. In January 1893, a chapter was formed at Holy Trinity Church Nashville.

In 1893, the first National Convention was held in Baltimore, with nearly 200 delegates of the order's 8000 membership present.

In this diocese, Church of the Advent Nashville formed a chapter in 1894, followed by chapters at St. Ann's Church Nashville and Christ Church Cathedral Nashville.

By 1896, membership was 11,697 in 66 Chapters. The Junior Division of the order was founded consisting of a "group of young girls of proper age."

In 1897, the National Convention adopted a resolution to support Lily Funsten Ward, a missionary in China. Each year, a week was set aside as Self-Denial week with contributions used to support missionary work in China. When missionaries were no longer al-

lowed in China, the fund was used to support missionaries as needed. Today the Self-Denial Fund grants money for many aspects of missionary work, even assisting in Honduras buying sewing machines for women to help support their families, funding a food bank and donating money to set up a farming project. Daughters have founded a nutrition program for babies in Haiti and started funding for a summer project for children on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota.

*Lord, Speak To Me* was adopted in 1898 as the hymn of the order. The lyrics, in part, are: "Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in living echoes of thy tone."

Much of the early history of the order was lost when a fire in 1900 destroyed records. As the new century got underway, there were chapters of the Order of the Daughters of the King in the US, Canada, England, Australia, British West Indies, Danish West Indies, China and Hawaii. From 1903 to 1907, the order flourished on college campuses and membership grew to 17,000.

Though many of the details have been lost, in the first 20 years of the 1900s, Tennessee chapters were formed at St. Paul's Church Franklin, Trinity Church Clarksville, St. Peter's Church Columbia, Otey Memorial Church Sewanee and Trinity Church Winchester.

St. Luke's Community House was founded by the Daughters of the King in 1913 as the West Nashville Clinic to serve the medical needs of the women and children whose male relatives were inmates in the state penitentiary. It remains a strong source of community outreach in West Nashville.

The order, growing and embracing new times, had a telephone installed in their national office in 1910. The National Convention began meeting triennially, that year in Cincinnati OH, New York in 1913 and St. Louis MO in 1916. Literature was prepared with titles such as

"How to Help and Why To Help The Order of the Daughters of the King" and membership continued to expand.

In 1919, National Convention was held in Detroit with invitations to Canada's and England's orders to attend. The next National Convention in 1922 was in Portland OR. The Self-Denial Fund adopted February 2, the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, as the day of in-gathering and, in September, the Master's Fund was started.

Established through a Thank Offering to be given at Pentecost in commemoration of the coming of the Holy Spirit, funds have always been used to help women prepare for service in church related work. Presently, three types of grants are given: Provincial Grants (educational uses within the Province), Continuing Education Grants (members attending courses to enhance their ability to serve God and Church) and Master's Fund Scholarships (members enrolling in educational institutions). Recipients of the Master's Fund Scholarships must agree to spend two years in service to the church after completion of their education.

National Council standing committees were formed in 1927 on National Day of Prayer, Junior Work, Summer Conferences, Publicity and more. The lesson outline was written for the Study Guide which was being developed.

The Endowment Fund was established in 1928 by the following resolution: "That a Cumulative Endowment Fund be inaugurated by the National Council at this session, each member present contributing, such Fund to be a permanent trust fund. It shall be increased by bequests, thank offerings, memorials and other special gifts from persons believing in and desiring to forward the objectives of The Order of the Daughters of the King."

The Bishop's Chapter of the order of the Daughters of the King in the Diocese of Tennessee was formed on March 20, 1929.

On January 19, 1931, Margaret J. Franklin, founder of Daughters of the King died. Her gold cross, inscribed,

“In memory of Margaret J. Franklin, founder and first President of the Order of the Daughters of the King,” was given to the order to be worn by all succeeding National Presidents.

The Daughters were represented by an exhibit in the Hall of Religion at the 1933 Chicago Exposition, also known as the World’s Fair. That same year, an order was established in Japan.

In 1934, the National Convention was held in Atlantic City NJ. Mrs. W.J. (Ada) Loaring-Clark from the Diocese of Tennessee was elected President and served as editor of *The Royal Cross*. She died in office two years later.

In 1935, the Daughters of the King celebrated their 50th Anniversary, which reinvigorated the order. By 1939, however, numbers were starting to dwindle. In 1940, the war in Asia ended missionary work in China and in 1943, the National Convention was cancelled due to the war and fuel rationing. National Convention reconvened in 1946 in Philadelphia PA but missionaries in China continued to relocate, to Hawaii, Brazil and other places throughout the world.

Membership began to level off with approximately 6500 members by 1955. The Endowment Fund reached \$18,000.

As the ‘50s came to a close, a home study course for membership preparation was introduced and at the dawn of the ‘60s, the order celebrated the Diamond Jubilee. In 1963, the National Office moved to the Episcopal Church Center in New York. Conventions were held in Seattle and Houston.

Two chapters were formed in Tennessee in 1974: St. James the Less Madison and St. George’s Church Nashville.

In 1976, the ordination of women to the priesthood was passed at General Convention. Many members of the order pursued ordination and to this day, many women clergy are Daughters.

Orders were established in the Philippines and Brazil in 1979. In 1981, the National Office relocated to Atlanta. By

1982, the order had added over 2000 new members and more than 135 chapters during the previous three years. Technology was being introduced into the workplace; the National Office installed their first computer system.

St. Bartholomew’s Church Nashville started a chapter in May, 1981. In 1987, St. Mark’s Church Antioch formed their chapter.

In 1985, *Lift High The Cross* became the new official hymn for the order. The first stanza is: “Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim; Till all the world adore His sacred Name.” The *History of the Order* was published.

In Ashland KY, the first affiliate chapter formed in the Roman Catholic Church in 1986 and in 1988, national by-laws were revised requiring affiliate chapters to follow the by-laws of the order and giving representatives of affiliate chapters a seat and a voice but no vote at the National Conventions.

In 1990, a chapter was started at Church of the Resurrection Franklin and a second chapter formed at St. George’s Church Nashville - in 1983, the two chapters of that parish merged.

National Council introduced a Lifetime Membership with one-time payment of dues of \$500. For the first time, dues notices were billed directly to each Daughter. The order’s membership was 7800 strong and the national office relocated to Tucker GA only to move again in 1993 to Marietta GA and in 1995, to Kennesaw GA.

The National Council adopted policy for criteria for financial investments, just as the Endowment Fund reached \$95,000. In 1997, the Endowment Fund adopted All Saints’ Day a the day of ingathering and the Self-Denial Fund granted over \$50,000 to mission work.

Several chapters formed in the Diocese of Tennessee in 1998 and 1999: Trinity Church Winchester, St. Augustine’s Chapel Nashville, All Saints’ Church Smyrna, Church of Our Saviour Gallatin, St. Michael’s Church Cookeville, St. Philip’s Church Nashville, St.

James’ Church Dickson and Trinity Church Clarksville.

As the ‘90s gave way to a new millennium, the National Office moved to its current location in Woodstock GA; it was dedicated on October 21, 2000.

Chapters were formed at St. David’s Church Nashville, St. Joseph of Arimathea Hendersonville, St. Paul’s Church Murfreesboro, Holy Cross Church Murfreesboro, St. James’ Church Sewanee and St. Mary Magdalene Church Fayetteville.

In 2004, the first chapter in Japan since World War II was established and the first chapter ever in Germany was instituted. In the Triennium leading up to 2006, more than 200 chapters were instituted, plus 17 affiliated chapters and 5 international chapters, all in Cuba. In 2007, 15 Kenyan chapters chartered.

On April 4, 2010, the 125th Anniversary year was launched and runs through April 2011. A year of celebration, it’s also a time of reflection of the commitment to the mission and vows of the Order of Daughters of the King.

Currently, there are 26 active chapters in the Diocese of Tennessee with a total of 492 members.

The members of the Order of the Daughters of the King continue to abide by the motto that was adopted 125 years ago: “For His Sake... I am but one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. What I can do, I ought to do. What I ought to do, by the grace of God I will do. **Lord, what will you have me do??**”

The Diocese of Tennessee chapters will gather for their Spring Assembly at 9:00 AM on Saturday, April 17, 2011 at St. Peter’s Church Columbia. Canon Pamela Snare will be the speaker; the Rev. Monna Mayhall, chaplain for the diocesan DOK, will preach. Details can be found at [www.tndok.org](http://www.tndok.org)

For personal insights from some of the diocesan Daughters of the King, please see page 7.

## Clergy News -

**The Rev. Lane Denson**, is home recuperating from fall after spending time in the hospital and at Stallworth Rehabili-

tation Center. **The Rev. Dolores Nicholson** is undergoing testing at Centennial. At this time, doctors are unsure of her diagnosis. Please join the diocesan staff in wishing the both of them speedy recoveries.

## Parish News -

Recent confirmations: Anna Goforth, Micah Sporacio, Stephanie Sporacio, **Christ Church Tracy City**. Recent baptisms: Carter Thomas, Lilyana Nunley, **Christ Church Tracy City**; Andie Owen, Anderson LaRoche, **St. Paul's Church Murfreesboro**; Maxwell Robbins, Linda Hart, **Christ Church Cathedral Nashville**.

Did you know that **Church of the Resurrection Franklin** supports Graceworks Ministries Thrift Store? They invite you to get directions and details at <http://graceworksministries.net/thrift-store/>. **St. Paul's Church Murfreesboro** recently changed the format of their monthly newsletter, *The Evangel*, and encourages readers to view it online at [www.stpaulsmboro.org](http://www.stpaulsmboro.org). Susan Huggins, member of **St. David's Church Nashville** (and representative on the Bishop

& Council) has been named one of the 32 "Women of Influence" by the Nashville Business Journal and was honored at a recent luncheon. **St. Ann's Church Nashville** will host a Wine Tasting and Silent Auction to benefit East Nashville Hope Exchange on Friday, April 29. Call the church at 615-254-3534 for more information. **Christ Church Cathedral** will host a Lenten food drive on April 3 and April 10. Please bring non-perishable food items for Safe Haven Family Shelter and Nashville Cares. **St. Michael's Church Cookeville** has assembled an ad-hoc committee to look into making some updates to the parish by-laws. The San Jose Obrero Compadres' annual Italian Feast at **Church of the Good Shepherd** will be held on April 9. Call 615-661-0890 for tickets. **St. Mary Magdalene Church Fayetteville** will hold their annual clean up date on April 9 in anticipation of the Bishop's visit in June.

## Youth News -

The **youth** of St. Peter's Church Columbia will hold a yard sale on April 9 to raise money for their trips. Proceeds from the St. Barnabas' Church Tullahoma annual yard sale April 16, 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM will go to help their **youth** attend the St. Michael's Conference. For more details, call the

church at 931-455-3170. Church of the Resurrection Franklin is also hosting a yard sale to benefit **Little Lambs** preschool. Their date is April 20. **The youth** at Trinity Church Clarksville is recreating their Cardboard Village on April 2, to bring focus on those who may not have permanent shelter. Many of the parishes in the diocese will be hosting Easter Egg Hunts in the last few weeks of April. Call your parish for the details.

## Become A Thistle Farmer

In May 2008, the presiding bishop, Katharine Jefferts Schori, in her baccalaureate address at the University of the South, encouraged all to become Thistle Farmers. She spoke of being agents of change by depicting the life's work of the Rev. Becca Stevens, Episcopal priest and founder of Magdalene. Magdalene is a residential community for women who have survived lives of violence, prostitution, and addiction and is supported by its non-profit social enterprise, Thistle Farms.



Thistle Farms is striving to fulfill their mission to move women from the streets into safe sanctuary. Through the sales of natural bath and body products, Thistle

Farms provides important income for the community of

Magdalene. Named for the plant, often considered a weed, thistles grow in the alleys where the women of Magdalene once walked.

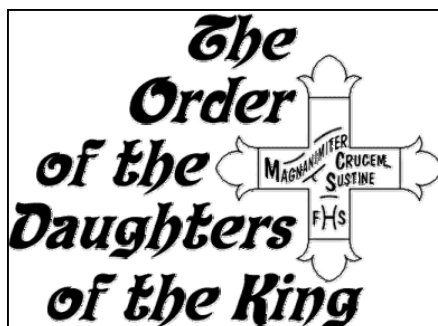
There are many ways to become a Thistle Farmer. Powerful and courageous speakers are available who can address a church congregation at a service, Sunday school or prayer group. Thistle Farms offers speakers for any organization - civic groups, garden clubs - plus a number of books for a book club selection. Another significant means of support is to host a home party.

Through Magdalene/Thistle Farms you can have a direct impact on the community. Seventy-two per cent of the women who graduate from Magdalene are living clean, sober lives. Over a hundred women have graduated from Magdalene, hundreds more have been helped, and at any given time, over thirty women are employed at Thistle Farms, learning new skills and receiving a new chance at life.

Thistle Farms would love to help you and your organization become Thistle Farmers and "agents of change." Please contact [events@thistlefarms.org](mailto:events@thistlefarms.org) or call 615-298-1140.

## Thoughts From Daughters of the King

In honor of the 125th Anniversary of the founding of the Order of the Daughters of the King and their upcoming Spring Assembly on Saturday, April 17, 2011 at Church of the Good Shepherd Brentwood, some of the members of the order share their thoughts on being a Daughter.



*Bobbie Noreen* - I became a Daughter approximately 7 years ago. I leapt at the chance to deepen my faith and be given direction as to how I could serve others. I was unclear as to what ministry I could best participate in and as to how I could incorporate that service into my daily life. The Order of the Daughters of the King provides the support and relationships that enhance anyone's journey along their walk with God and provides a necessary gift to those who need our prayers. It is a safe place to grow in Christ.

*Lynda Mayo* - I like being a Daughter of the King because it has helped me to focus more on my prayer time. I also like coming together in a community with other women who are committed to prayer and service by helping, caring and loving others.

*Jan Shaffer* - The Order of the Daughters of the King carries significance for me in several areas: the vow of prayer, service and evangelism helps to discipline me; the loving group of sisters in Christ helps to support me; the studies during our meetings help to educate me.

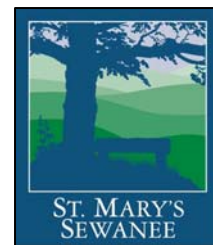
*Gayle Happell* - Being a member of the Order of the Daughters of the King is an extension of my life and devotion to

Jesus Christ and to his church. I enjoy being part of a fellowship of women in my own parish and also throughout the country and even in other countries. I enjoy being part of an order that has been around for 125 years and is still alive with faith and service to Christ. I enjoy the sisterhood of our chapter and have deepened friendships as I have deepened my faith.

*Lynda Gibson* - I've been a Daughter of the King through several stages of my life, from having teenagers to being a senior citizen. Throughout, the community of friends who are working to live as Christ-centered ladies, have been praying, caring and supportive. In my life's journey as a Daughter I have found a secure foundation in a circle of prayerful support.

*The Rev. Dr. Linda A. Hutton* - As a vicar and also a Daughter, I have been personally blessed by the group's continual prayer support and their outreach to me and my family. Their ministry of prayer is unwavering. The group has consistently been involved in seeking opportunities for outreach in the community and in the world. There is a deep commitment to prayer, service/outreach, as an application of the Baptismal covenant, evangelism and study. By faithfully keeping the rule of life, Daughters of the King are empowered by the grace of God through the Holy Spirit for mission and ministry.

*The Rev. Monna Mayhall* - I had been a Daughter for only a short time before I moved to Tennessee, and it was then that I realized what being a Daughter really meant for me. I was initially drawn to become a Daughter out of an individual commitment to prayer. However, I was pleasantly surprised by the amazing deep connection that I had with so many women, even women I did not know. There is a common bond among Daughters that we each are doing what we can "For His Sake," and even though none of us can do everything, each one of us can do something. It has been a tremendous comfort to me to know that none of us labors alone, but rather that all Daughters prayerfully support one another in our mission.



### St. Mary's Sewanee 2011 Spring Programs & Retreats

April 3-6, 2011

*Group Spiritual Direction*  
Presenter: Patience Robbins

April 10-11, 2011

*Exploring Out Spirituality  
Through Art*  
Presenter: Barbara Hughes

April 29-May 4, 2011

*The Sacred Breath of God*  
Presenters: David Frenette and  
Gail Fitzpatrick-Hopler

May 22-May 27, 2011

*Lectio Divina  
Immersion Retreat*  
Presenters: Mike Potter, Sr. Maria  
Tasto, Leslee Terpay, George Welch

May 28, 2011

*Centering Prayer  
Introductory Workshop*  
Presenter: The Rev. Tom Ward

May 29-June 7, 2011

*10-Day Centering Prayer  
Intensive and Retreat*  
Presenter: The Rev. Tom Ward

For more information  
please check our website:  
[www.StMarysSewanee.org](http://www.StMarysSewanee.org)  
or telephone us at (931) 598-5342

## IN MEMORIAM: The Rev. Dr. J. Kelley Avery



Known as Kelley to his friends, the Rev. Dr. James Kelley Avery died at the age of 85 on March 3, 2011 in Nashville following a brief illness.

Born in Alamo TN in 1926, Fr. Kelley attended Baylor University and Southern Methodist University in the Naval program for Pre-Med training. While at SMU, he was selected for the All Southwest Conference Basketball team.

He attended medical school at the University of Tennessee College of Medicine in Memphis and did his internship at the John Gaston Hospital before serving in the Navy. He established his medical practice in Union City in 1951.

He was a member of the American Board of Family Medicine and a Charter Member of the Tennessee Academy of Family Physicians. He retired from his medical practice in 1982 and moved to Nashville. He continued to be involved in professional boards and charitable organizations too numerous to list.

Ordained to the priesthood in 1981, he served as rector of St. James' Church in Union City and as a non-stipendiary priest for the Diocese of Tennessee.

Fr. Kelley is survived by his wife, Carolyn and children, Pamela, James Jr., John, Sandy, Karen, Carolyn, and Robert as well as nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A funeral service was held at St. David's Church Nashville with

interment of his ashes in the Columbarium. Memorial gifts may be made to St. David's Church.

## MCOMM Celebration Dinner Held In Sewanee

One hundred people attended a dinner at the Sewanee Inn in February held by Mid-Cumberland Mountain Ministries to joyfully celebrate 22 years of service to the communities of Grundy, Marion and Franklin Counties.

It was the first major fundraiser by MCOMM in its history. The event was underwritten by the Men of St. Paul's Church Franklin and a donation of beverages from Det Distributing. Other members of St. Paul's came to Sewanee to help with the event including Donna Stokes Rogers and Charlie Grimes who oversaw the preparation of the wonderful meal of grilled pork and orange salmon. Wanda Wollen and Margaret Brown turned the Sewanee Inn into a perfect site for the gala evening with their beautiful table decorations.



Four of MCOMM's housing and education partners spoke about what MCOMM has meant to them and their families and the Rev. Bill Barton spoke of the history and future of the organization. MCOMM builds homes, provides emergency aid, provides education grants and sponsors Santa on the Mountain and in the Valley for area children every year.

## Bishop Mike Hill To Visit St. George's Nashville



The Rt. Rev. Mike Hill, Anglican Bishop of Bristol England will be in Nashville this month for several events sponsored by St. George's Church Nashville.

Bishop Hill will preach the Wednesday Night Lenten Prayer Service on April 6 at 6:30 PM in the Chapel at St. George's.

On Thursday April 7, 11:30 AM, he will be featured at the Prime Time Speakers Series on the topic, "The Second Half: How We Leverage the Wisdom of Our Years so that We Become People of Significance."

To attend, RSVP by Monday, April 4 to [reserve@stgeorgesnashville.org](mailto:reserve@stgeorgesnashville.org) or call 615-385-2150 x 262.

Next, join Bishop Hill and the Men of St. George's for a unique time of fellowship by attending the Men's Retreat at DuBose Conference Center Monteagle, April 8-9. More information can be found at [www.stgeorgesnashville.org](http://www.stgeorgesnashville.org).

On April 10, Bishop Hill will be the final speaker of the season in the St. George's Preaching Series, a ministry of the St. George's Institute on Church and Cultural Life. His topic will be "Job Application - Critical Life Lessons from the Book of Job."

Bishop Hill had never attended church until the age of 18 when a friend took him to a Christian house party. By age 25, he was attending seminary at Ridley Hall and Fitzwilliam College in Cambridge.

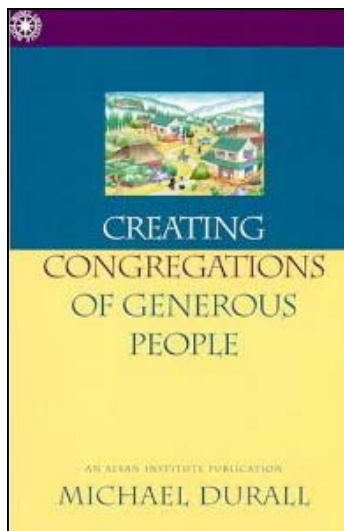
Since his consecration as bishop of Bristol in 2003, he has earned an international reputation for his teaching ministry. His goal is to "see heaven populated."

## Stewardship Workshop in May

The Diocesan Stewardship Committee will present a Stewardship Seminar and Workshop on Saturday, May 7 at St. Paul's Church Murfreesboro, from 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM.

"Creating Congregations of Generous People: Stewardship 411 or 911 - Your Choice!" will include the topics: exploring ways of deepening your faith through stewardship; transforming your congregational culture; war stories; successes and less than satisfactory real results; and practical aspects of being a stewardship chair.

The workshop is for every member of the congregation - stewardship chairs and committee members, clergy and lay leaders are encouraged to attend.



Registrants will be sent a copy of *Creating Congregations of Generous People* by Michael Durall, the book upon which the seminar is based. Attendees will leave the workshop with a stewardship action plan and many other stewardship resources.

To register, email the Rev. Polk Van Zandt at [rector@stpaulsmoro.org](mailto:rector@stpaulsmoro.org) for more details. Registration deadline is May 4.

## God's Green Earth

As this column is being prepared, it is a week designated by the US Government as Tsunami Awareness Week. The advisory, scheduled well before the catastrophic event in Japan, was designed to help US residents separate fact from myth and raise awareness of the very real potential for death and destruction in the wake of a tsunami. At this point in time, do we really need reminding? Well, yes.

Though it might seem like it would be impossible to forget the horrific images recently posted in your facebook feed or shown on the nightly news, those living along the coastal areas of the United States might not take warnings seriously. After all, some of those pictures from early March were of beachcombers in California and Oregon, people gazing out to sea, looking for the waves coming their way. Hawaii and Alaska, lulled into complacency by recent "non-events" may not be so quick to react when the next warning is sounded. But they should not forget the history of destruction their parents and grandparents experienced.

Following the deadly 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, \$150 million dollars was invested by the US government, updating detection and warning systems, educating residents of coastal regions and conducting research. A website was developed at <http://tsunami.gov/> which is a companion to the NOAA site <http://www.tsunami.noaa.gov/>.

The devastation in Japan, the loss of human life and the destruction of entire villages should be a cautionary tale for "next time." But this time, we can examine the resulting environmental issues facing Japan and, indeed, other parts of the world. Aside from the damaged Fukushima nuclear power plant causing as-of-yet unknown lasting effect, the earthquake and tsunami brought about a large scale environmental disaster.

Waste - as the wall of water pushed through homes, clothing, furniture and other personal items became nothing more than debris. Add to that, household chemicals, paint and fuel along with automobiles and the fluids needed to run them and a toxic brew covered everything in its path.

Soil - when seawater penetrates ground inland, the salinity of the soil is raised, affecting crops and shallow groundwater quality, often resulting in non-potable drinking water.

Sewage - cross contamination can lead to health impacts on the local population.

Coastal Ecosystems - natural habitats can be destroyed with far reaching results, not only to fish and animals but for those who depend on nature for their livelihoods such as fishermen and gamekeepers.

Rebuilding efforts must include investment in natural resources and mindfulness of the environmental footprint being created, especially in areas prone to future disasters. Careful planning could make "next time" easier to recover from.

## Canon Pamela And The Bells At Bec

Bells seem to have played a prominent role in much of human history. In antiquity bells or gongs were rung or banged to signal the opening of markets or baths and such like civic events. But for their specific use by Christians, we have our first notice of them at Irish monasteries by the 6th century. (There is one named for St. Patrick now housed in Dublin.)

The Irish word for bell, *clog* appears around the end of the 8th century, at about the same time that we have historical references to ringing bells for worship services in France. Bells seem thereafter to have become so essential that by Charlemagne's time (the early 9th century) virtually every parish church was expected to have one. Their uses were varied: their sounds announced Mass and the daily offices, sometimes sounded curfew, tolled for the dead, sounded alarms of danger and often announced peace at the end of a war.

One significant occasion for ringing we are certain of, at the recitation of the *Angelus*, where they are sounded three times for a three-part devotion, often the repetition of the *Hail Mary*, at morning, noon and night. It is interesting that scholars have found the practice was definitively associated with the bells at Bec, dating probably from the 13th century.

We should note that at the Reformation, bells, like pipe organs, were taken to be symbols of Catholicism and thus objects of great suspicion. It is not odd, therefore, that in America there are many churches, but rather few bells. We may still find it curious, that on an drive through the American South, we will see many churches with empty belfries. The apparent architectural necessity of the belfry to identify a church strangely contradicts the protestant suspicion of bells.

The great abbatial church at Bec did not have a belfry, but was connected to a great bell tower, the *Tour St. Nicholas*, a short distance away. The church, a huge structure some 400 feet in length and nearly a hundred feet high, was completed in 1325. The Tower dates from 1467 and stands at almost 200 feet. You can, if you like, climb its 200 steps for a spectacular view of the Valley of the Bec.

At the French Revolution, the community of monks was dispersed, the great library sacked and, finally, in 1809, the church itself was burned and, over the long period that followed, utterly destroyed. The St. Nicholas Tower survived, however, though its bells were removed and smashed in 1791. The great Abbey at Bec simply ceased to be a monastery until it was re-founded by a community of Benedictine monks in 1948. It was in 1961 that four small bells were donated to the Abbey and these remained in service until 2009. In 1984, a woman we know only by the name of Charlotte donated a sum of money sufficient to buy the bronze from which were to be cast five new bells. And it was only in 2009 that the Government of France finally realized the importance of restoring the *Tour St. Nicholas*. So thus, some of the stone work, the gargoyles, some of the Bas-reliefs, the roof and all

the wooden superstructure to support the new bells underwent significant renovation. The costs, of course, were significant and what expenses the Government did not cover, some 280,000 Euro, the Association of the Friends of Bec assumed, raising the necessary funds by offering subscriptions.

The Tower was made ready by All Saints' of 2009. But, alas, the bells were not, and it would be precisely a year later that the five gleaming, bronze bells would finally arrive at the Abbey, at night and scarcely two days before the scheduled great ceremony that would consecrate them.



The Friday before the great Benediction, Canon Pamela Snare has been asked to drop by the Abbey to practice her bell-ringing stroke. All five of the bells have now been suspended from a substantial steel frame and there are workmen decorating the frame with greenery and flowers. Great St. Anselm, the mammoth bass bell Pamela is to ring, is topped with red Zinnias. Fr. Maurice scurries up and down ladders, greens in hand. The superstructure for the Bells turns into a bower and the bells are suspended as on a trellis. Fr. Antoine, fully bearded and as lively as ever, instructs, cajoles, advises, greets and jokes with the brothers and the workmen. Pere Abbe Paul Emmanuel, the Abbot, greets all as he inspects the goings-on. All are in high spirits.

Fr. Antoine takes Canon Pamela through the proper (and indeed almost liturgical) proprieties for ringing St. Anselm. We are told that the clapper (*baton*) newly suspended inside the bells weighs nearly 300 pounds. Pulling such a weight is a challenge. On the first try, Pamela staggers, tugged forward by the *baton*. Re-enter Fr. Antoine with further instruction: one must lengthen the rope and swing the *baton* back and forth twice before your final pull to sound the bell. He demonstrates. Pamela's turn: One and two and, with a mighty tug, she on the third yank bangs the *baton* against the inner side of the bell. The amazing sonorous bass rings out powerfully, as much felt with the vibrations as heard. All are pleased.

All of these bells are cast, of course, with a distinctive pitch: the one named Therese-Charlotte is "La," St. Benedict is "Fa #," Paul-Herluin a "Mi," Marie-Francoise a "Re" and St. Anselm is the bourdon or bass. Each of the five have been elaborately inscribed at the foundry with its name, an insig-

nium or decoration appropriate to the name, a quotation and, at the bottom edge of each bell, the inscribed names of the god-mother ( the *marraine*) and the god-father (the *parrain*). For the Therese-Charlotte, for example, there is a cross and a bouquet of roses and a quotation from St. Therese of Lisieux's famous book, *A History of a Soul*. The Marie-Francoise has a quotation from a vision of St. Frances of Rome (the patron saint of Rome) from 1432, along with a picture of the Saint herself. The grand St. Anselm (named for the 11th century scholar and Abbot at Bec who was called by William the Conqueror to be Archbishop of Canterbury) weighs 4300 kilos, very nearly 9500 pounds, and stands six and a half feet high and nearly as wide. Inscribed on it is a sculpture of the Saint copied from an illustration in an 18th century Venetian edition of his works. The motto reads: *Illic solus Deus intentio mea* or "That God alone is my purpose." And there at the bottom of the bell is inscribed for the Dean of Canterbury, "Pour Parrain Le Reverend Robert Willis Doyen de le Cathedrale De Canterbury." And for Pamela, "Et Pour Marraine Pamela Snare, Pretre de L'Eglise Episcopaliennne Des Etat Unis."



name do you wish to give to this bell?" They will respond with the name and Pere Paul will then sprinkle each with water (an asperge) and address the bell by name and say, "sing from now on for the glory of God and the service of the Church." It is here that the god-parents stoutly ring their bell. The Brothers of the Abbey and the Sisters of its companion Monastery of St. Frances of Rome provide music between each of the five questions and responses. At the conclusion and after the benediction, all five bells are rung simultaneously. The grand reception follows for the 400 or so guests - townspeople, pilgrims, visitors from various places - with exquisite refreshments, a fine French brioche and the superb Norman cider (which, be assured, is nothing like apple cider).

Everyone is in high spirits, children are free to romp and make noise, and nearly everybody takes the chance to ring a bell.

After all the notables had left and the Abbey returned to its wonted serenity and quiet, the bells would hang silently on their flowered trellis for more than a month. But then a great crane would rumble through the Abbey portal and down the gravel path to the base of St. Nicholas' Tower. The newly installed electronic device that would swing the bells in sequence will be inspected. And there will be lengthy discussion about precisely how to hoist each bell and nudge it through the portals at the top of the Tower. It is a safe bet, the Abbot thinks, that the bells will be installed before Christmas.

He had at first expressed some concern that were all five bells rung simultaneously, the great sound would seriously alarm the villagers of Bec. The scruples were soon set aside, however, and everyone did finally hear the great peal sound over the Valley of the Bec on Christmas Eve. In his Christmas message, Pere Paul Emmanuel wrote to all of us about that long-awaited event. It had taken more than 25 years, the gifts of many people from any number of countries, and the intervention of the Government of France, after all.

"When you hear them, it is like a prayer which mounts to heaven; it is also like the sky being burst open to let pass the voice of God." — *Gerald Snare, former professor of English and Chair of the department, Tulane University, New Orleans LA.*



The Saturday, October 30, 2010, has finally arrived and there is a full house at the special morning Mass, for it is the anniversary of the Dedication of the Abbey of Notre Dame at Bec. Pere Paul Emmanuel has invited all the god-parents, as well as dignitaries including M. George Douju (President of *Les Amis du Bec Hellouin*) and M. Francois Erlendach (Regional Director of Cultural Affairs), for a gala lunch in the Abbey Refectory. The crowd will adjourn after the meal for coffee in an elegant reception room where Pere Abbe Paul will dispense gifts to the people who will be part of the ceremonial benediction that follows. The bas-reliefs on each of the five bells has been reproduced and mounted on terra. Pamela meets for the first time her partner in the consecration of St. Anselm, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Robert Willis, Dean of Canterbury Cathedral who, besides helping to ring the bell with Pamela, will bring greetings to the community from the Cathedral.

Abbot Paul Emmanuel will begin the ceremonies, after the usual opening remarks and greetings from the community, with the Sisters and Brothers chanting a Psalm, then a prayer, a reading from the Gospel, another Psalm, and finally a Kyrie. He approaches the first god-parents and asks them, "What



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- 8-9 Men of St. George's Church Nashville Retreat, DuBose Conference Center Monteagle
- 10 *Bishop's Visitation, Otey Memorial Parish Sewanee*
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- 21 Chrism Mass and Renewal of Ordination Vows, Christ Church Cathedral
- 29 Wine Tasting and Silent Auction for Hope Exchange, St. Ann's Church Nashville
- 30 Little Lambs Yard Sale, Church of the Resurrection Franklin

*Italics denote Bishop Bauerschmidt's visitations*

**This is a sampling of events in the Diocese of Tennessee.**

**For a complete listing of events throughout the diocese,  
see the Calendar of Events at [www.episcopaldiocese-tn.org](http://www.episcopaldiocese-tn.org)**