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## WHAT ABOUT THE TRINITY?

*by Nile Hermans*

My personal thoughts concerning the Divine God-Head-Father, Son, Holy Spirit leads me to recognize the similarity of its make-up to the solar system. The Light of Christ, the creative Head of the Father and the powerful energy of the Holy Spirit are attributes of the Sun.

The resemblance is also evident in the smallest but most powerful element of our universe – the mighty atom. Without the three components – electrons, protons, neutrons, it would not be what it is.

Our own bodies also reflect three necessary elements – flesh, bone, and blood. Otherwise we ourselves would not exist.

The moon is the church which provides comfort during our periods of personal darkness.

The planets are the loyal and faithful members.

Then there are the shooting stars, people who become prominently involved for a while until some minor thing occurs or difference of opinion with the rector or vestry annoys them and out they go.

There are also the comets who return to church every once in a while – The Hatch (Baptisms), Match (marriages) and Dispatch (funerals).

Outside our solar system are the Stars which represent the people we want to draw into a closer relationship with us joining in the prayer and fellowship.

The Asteroids represent the evil forces of the world bent on trying to destroy the Church.

One final thought – our bodies are only temporary vehicles like automobiles which we live in until they are worn out. Then we enter new vehicles – our heavenly bodies.

We hear a lot about tolerance today. However, tolerance of evil is not a virtue. God did not tolerate Satan when he cast the devil out of Heaven.

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*God's Work in Progress*

## EASTER SUNDAY 2010

Easter Sunday 2010 was a very special one at Christ Church Anglican. The choir, as usual, did a magnificent job, the Altar looked stunning with all the flowers, we brought back an old tradition, we had our annual Easter Egg Hunt for the children, and we had a first for Christ Church Anglican; an Easter Sunday Baptism.

When they sang they sounded like a choir of angels. Our choir truly outdid themselves for Easter and it will be very hard for them to top this performance; but I'm sure they will.

Our Altar Guild did an artistic job of decorating the Altar with all the flowers. Pure white linens and beautiful flowers to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He has risen indeed!

Thanks to John Guida and his Grandson, Aidan Petrosino the traditional flower cross was brought back. Everyone was thrilled to have the cross back and it looked so glorious with all the flowers.

And to help make this an Easter to remember, we had not one, not two, but four Baptisms. We welcomed Oluwaseyi Theresa Oyefeso, SimileOluwa Rachael Oyefeso, OreOluwa Alexander Ifafore, and Oluwasayo Alexis Ifafore into the body of Christ through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Welcome Seyi, Simi, Ore, and Sayo. After the glorious service everyone was treated to a traditional meal of Jollof rice, baked chicken and Plantain



## NICHOLAS DIKERIEHI OROGODO OKOH, RESUME OF THE NEW PRIMATE OF ALL NIGERIA AT A GLANCE

Born on November 10 1952 at Owa-Alero Delta State. He attended St Michaels Anglican School Owa-Alero.

Like his predecessor, he also had a humble beginning as he too went into business as an apprentice. He was a house boy for 3 and a half years, he started business as a young man but later abandoned it and went into the army. It was in the army he went back to school and got his O levels in 1974 through the London G.C.E. He got his A level's papers in 1976. Between 1974 and 1975, he went into Vinning centre for catechist training. After being commissioned as a catechist he went back into the same school for a short term ordination course for one year. At the end of it, he was not ordained because the authority said he was too young to have a short ordination course, so he was recommended to go to Emmanuel College of Theology Samonda Ibadan for three years more. These he did between 1976 and 1979. He was ordained a Deacon in 1979 and continued in the ministry of the church. It is pertinent at this juncture, to add that the new Primate was trained by the ministry of defense where he was serving and was ordained by the Rt Rev R.N.C Nwosu, the then Bishop of Asaba. He was transferred to Jos, third division Garrison as chaplain in 1979.

Later, in the same year, he went to the Nigeria's Premier University of Ibadan for a degree course which he completed in 1982. After that, he was moved to army headquarters of chaplaincy (protestant)Lagos and was appointed vicar of St Luke's church Yaba. Young Nicholas was enterprising and adventurous he went back to the same university of Ibadan to face the rigours of academic work but this time around at the masters Degree Level. He did not waste time, he registered for a P.H.D, but after two years in Ibadan, he had to discontinue with it because of military transfer.

He was moved from Ibadan to Jos, no doubt he was completely disconnected but he was undaunted because later when he became a Bishop, he re-registered for the P.H.D program hoping that one day God being on his side, he will be able to pursue it to a logical conclusion.

It is on record that while he was pursuing his masters Degree program, he was at the same time running a church, and later became the vicar of All saints church for a period of five to six years till 1989. In 1989, he was moved to 2-mechanised division Ibadan as two-Div chaplain with the responsibility of covering the whole area of 2-mechanised division. There was a re-shuffle and he had to serve as Garrison chaplain again having Mokola as his base with St Augustine military church as his Headquarter, church, and he was supervising other churches in the area.

Again, he was moved to Jos, three armoured division as the Deputy Director Chaplaincy. In that capacity, he was supervising all the military churches in Jos, Bauchi up to Maiduguri, Burma, Moriguno, Barua, Yola and so on.

He was later moved to Kaduna and served as Deputy Director in charge of St Luke's church, 44 divisions Kaduna from where he was supervising the whole of North-West up to Sokoto, Katsina, Zuru and so on.

Again, he was moved back to Lagos and while in Lagos, he was appointed Colonel Co-ordinate in the Head Quarters, he was in-charge of administration.

In addition to that, he was appointed the Vicar of All Saints Church Yaba, and the Deputy Director in-charge of churches in

Lagos, Nigeria. In 2005, he was graciously elected Archbishop when the Archbishop of Bendel province died. He occupied this office till he was elected the primate of All Nigeria, Anglican Communion. He served as a member of committee road to Lambeth of the church and was privileged to serve as a member of GAFCON (Global Anglican Future Conference). He is the chairman of the Theological Resource Group, which is made up of Bishops, Theologians, Lay and clergy from all over the world. Their work is to brain-storm and think theologically for the church. He is privileged to serve as the chairman, Nigeria pilgrims Christian centre commission.

This has been the resume of how he has fared in service. The new primate of all Nigeria applied for a voluntary retirement from the army when he was elected Bishop in 2001 and it was granted.

A good, loving and caring family man, Nicholas is Happily Married to an amiable, understanding, God fearing woman, Nkasiobi Okoh and they are blessed with five children. He has since resumed duties as the fourth Nigerian Primate.

THE REV CANON FOLUSO TAIWO,  
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HAPPY 98<sup>TH</sup>  
BIRTHDAY  
NILE HERMANS!



# COMMUNIQUE FROM THE PRIMATES COUNCIL OF GAFCON/FCA

*April 10, 2010* Grateful for the gracious guidance of the Holy Spirit, and the leadership of the Most Reverend Peter J. Akinola, the Primates Council of the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans (GAFCON/FCA) met in Bermuda from April 5 through 9, 2010.

The Primates Council consists of Primates (Senior Archbishops) of Anglican Provinces who met together in Jerusalem in June 2008 as part of the Global Anglican Future Conference (GAFCON). Their determination to give witness to the life transforming gospel of Jesus Christ and the trustworthiness of the Bible led to the establishment of the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans (FCA).

FCA is a movement defined by theology that delivers spiritual and practical outcomes to faithful Anglican Christians around the world. Together the Primates Council represents over thirty four million Anglicans more than half of the active membership of the Anglican Communion.

In faithful obedience to the Great Commission the Primates Council devoted much of their meeting ensuring that those provinces presently members of the FCA would be strengthened in their witness to the whole Gospel through engagement in various development projects, the production of critical theological resources and participation in multi-national mission initiatives.

We gave thanks for the visionary and sacrificial leadership of our founding chairman, Archbishop Peter J. Akinola, retired Primate, Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion). We are also grateful for his courageous stand for the faith once and for all delivered to the saints and his leadership both of the Church of Nigeria and also within the wider Anglican Communion.

We elected the Most Rev'd Gregory Venables, Presiding Bishop of the Southern Cone, as the Chairman and the Most Rev'd Emmanuel Kolini, Church of Rwanda, and the Most Rev'd Eliud Wabukala, Anglican Church of Kenya as the Vice-Chairmen. The Most Rev'd Peter Jensen, Diocese of Sydney, Anglican Church of Australia, continues as General Secretary.

We acknowledged that the issues that divide our beloved Communion are far from settled and that the election of the Reverend

Mary Glasspool, a partnered lesbian, as a Bishop in Los Angeles in The Episcopal Church (TEC), makes clear to all that the American Episcopal Church leadership has formally committed itself to a pattern of life which is contrary to Scripture.

This action also makes clear that any pretence that there has been a season of gracious restraint in the Communion has come to an end. Now is the time for all orthodox biblical Anglicans, both in the USA and around the world, to demonstrate a clear and unambiguous stand for the historic faith and their refusal to participate in the direction and unbiblical practice and agenda of TEC.

We recognise that the current strategy in the Anglican Communion to strengthen structures by committee and commission has proved ineffective.

Indeed we believe that the current structures have lost integrity and relevance. We believe that it is only by a theologically grounded, biblically shaped reformation such as the one called for by the Jerusalem Declaration that God's Kingdom will advance. The Anglican Communion will only be able to fulfill its gospel mandate if it understands itself to be a community gathered around a confession of faith rather than an organisation that has its primary focus on institutional loyalty.

We committed ourselves once more to the Mission of Christ working

collaboratively both with our friends in the Global South and throughout the Communion and look forward with anticipation to the FOURTH GLOBAL SOUTH TO SOUTH ENCOUNTER to be held later this month at St Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore.

We are also aware of the challenges that many of our sisters and brothers face in different parts of the world. In particular we are mindful of those who live with the threat of violence because of their Christian faith, such as Nigeria, Iraq and Sudan and those who live in places of deprivation and disaster such as Haiti and Chile. We also observe that there are a growing number of nations, such as Kenya, Uganda and now the United Kingdom where Christian views are marginalized or ignored. We stand with all those in such circumstances and assure them of our continued prayers.

Finally: The Primates Council expressed its profound appreciation for the gracious hospitality shown it by the people of Bermuda and the faithful witness of Christians in this land for almost four hundred years. We are aware of some of their current concerns and tensions and are praying for God's guidance and wisdom for the leaders of both the churches and the government.

To God be the glory!

Proverbs 3:5-6

5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart  
and lean not on your own understanding;  
6 in all your ways acknowledge him,  
and he will make your paths straight.

Monday, April 19 (at midnight) was the 2 year mark of Anthony's accident - yes, it's been 2 years already!! And although we still have some crazy days.... we Thank God he is here and we are amazed at how far he and we all have come through this change of life!!! We are truly blessed to have each and every one of you in our lives and would never be where we are without all of you and (without sounding too preachy...) we thank and praise Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!! Amen, Amen, Amen!!!!

We Love You!!!  
Jenn & Anthony Bates

## NOTES

1 - Please continue to pray for the healing of Myrtle Cunningham, Anthony Bates, Bobbie Buckley, Frank Stoddard, Jeanne Perrone, Karl Swanson, Dan O'Conner, Rick Murphy, Barry Langlan, Debbie Morgan, Beverly Rega, Jane Sammarco, MaryJo Dunn, Maryjane Bell, Chris Peel, Dom D'Ambruoso, Alice Kossack, Eunice Shalvoy, Linda Ioime, Frank Baccki, and Kathleen Ordonez. (Names on this list will be removed after one month unless there is a request to renew them.)

2 – We support Fair Haven Parents Ministry as one of our outreach efforts. Please bring in food donations for FHPM; the offering taken at coffee hour also goes to FHPM.

3 - Stop and Shop gift cards available every Sunday after 8 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services.

4 – The Sunday school children are collecting pennies to be given to a charity of their choice. If anyone has any extra pennies, please feel free to throw them in their jug.

5 – Thursday, May 6th. Is the National Day of Prayer. We are hosting ceremonies at 6:30 pm on the East Haven Town Green. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this event. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Torrey Morse or Vickie Manfredi.

6 – We will be serving a meal at the Emergency Men's Shelter on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 p.m. There is a sign up sheet in the back of the church. If you would like to volunteer, please see Michelle Viesselman or Nancy Perez. Thank you to all of our volunteers.

7 – Small Groups/Bible Studies:

- Sunday, 9:00 – 10:00 At Church between Services: “Book Of Prophet Daniel”
- Sunday, following the 10:00 a.m. service: Additional Prayer in the music room
- Tuesday, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m., at 47 Prospect Rd: “Intercessory Prayer”
- Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., at the Hagaman Memorial Library: “How To Read the Bible for All It's Worth”
- Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., at 672 Townsend Ave., NH: Bible Study

**Remember this is your newsletter so, voice your opinion, write your stories, tell us what you like or don't like; your options are unlimited. We depend on your input; without it there is no newsletter.**

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 2.....	Mother's Day jewelry sale in the back of the church
May 6.....	National Day of Prayer
May 9.....	Mother's Day
May 18.....	Vestry meeting
May 23.....	Bishop Bena's visit with Confirmation.....Serving at the Men's Shelter
May 30.....	Trinity Sunday and the last day of Sunday School
July 22 - July 24 .....	CANA Council 2010
Oct 10 - Oct 11 .....	ADN Annual Synod (clergy & lay delegates) at Christ the King Center

***The Prayer Team wants you to know that  
additional prayer will be held at 11:30  
on the first Sunday of the month, every month.***

**Did we miss your birthday or anniversary?**  
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