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TEAM KATELYN

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Light The Night Walk is the nation's night to pay tribute and bring hope to people battling cancer. Walks take place in communities throughout the United States and Canada, typically in the fall. On these special nights, thousands of participants carry illuminated balloons and raise funds for vital, lifesaving research and patient services.

Team Katelyn is scheduled to walk on October 3rd from 5-9 at Lighthouse Point Park in New Haven.

Team Katelyn was created in honor of Katelyn, an 18-year-old Guilford resident. She is currently battling ALL (Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia). Team Katelyn would like to recognize Katelyn's amazing attitude, strength, and courage that she portrays in fighting her disease. Please show your support in whatever way you can! Join us in our walk! Help us find a cure!

Help Katelyn fight Leukemia!

Our own Lisa McMahon will be walking and she would appreciate your support and donations.

To join Team Katelyn on our mission of fighting blood cancers or to make a donation please go to: <http://pages.lightthenight.org/ct/newhaven09/katelyn>

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AS SCHOOL STARTS..... *submitted by Margaret Moore*

After being interviewed by the school administration, the prospective teacher said:

'Let me see if I've got this right You want me to go into that room with all those kids, correct their disruptive behavior, observe them for signs of abuse, monitor their dress habits, censor their T-shirt messages, and instill in them a love for learning.'

'You want me to check their backpacks for weapons, wage war on drugs and sexually transmitted

diseases, and raise their sense of self esteem and personal pride.'

'You want me to teach them patriotism and good citizenship, sportsmanship and fair play, and how to register to vote, balance a checkbook, and apply for a job.'

'You want me to check their heads for lice, recognize signs of antisocial behavior, and make sure that they all pass the final exams.'

'You also want me to provide them with an equal education regardless of their handicaps, and

communicate regularly with their parents in English, Spanish or any other language, by letter, telephone, newsletter, and report card.'

'You want me to do all this with a piece of chalk, a blackboard, a bulletin board, a few books, a big smile, and a starting salary that qualifies me for food stamps.'

'You want me to do all this and then you tell me. . . I CAN'T PRAY?'

God's Work in Progress

ANGLICAN BISHOP MINNS TELLS LUTHERANS TO LEAVE

by Julia Duin

Washington Times, Sept. 25, 2009

I was just about to go to bed at 1 a.m. today when I saw that the Convocation of Anglicans in North America (CANA) - one of several groups representing the 100,000 or so Episcopalians who have left their denomination for more conservative climes - has posted a video for the benefit of a this weekend's Lutheran CORE meeting near Indianapolis. I last wrote about that here.

Lutheran CORE has drawn 1,200+ folks to a meeting to discuss what future - if any - conservatives have in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America now that the denomination has OK'd gay clergy as of last month. The CORE folks have given every indication they're heading out the door to form a new group or join with other dissident Lutheran groups.

And CANA is encouraging them to move out, according to a short video posted on YouTube. CANA's

lead bishop, Martyn Minns, until recently the rector of Truro Church in Fairfax, Va., shows up in somewhat informal garb with a number of icons and religious paintings behind him. Am not sure the reason for the rodeo music accompaniment but sure enough, the bishop tells Lutherans that "We know the pain; we've been there" in reference to how his parish and 14 other churches left the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia from 2005-2007 - and the ensuing lawsuit that occurred when they tried to take their property with them. (They won the suit on the local level but it is on appeal).

"We know the joy and freedom that came when we move away from a church that has frankly lost its way," the bishop said. "You're not alone..."

NIGERIAN SEWING CENTER GOES HOLLYWOOD!

by Vicki Manfredi

As you know Christ Anglican Church has sent funding through Father Martins for a sewing center to be established in Nigeria. The center will teach single mothers and widows how to sew and thus empower them to the task of assuming responsibility for themselves and their families.

I have a lifelong friend who lives all over the world at any given time. She has been in Seattle, Washington for the summer. I keep her informed of what I am doing and she keeps me informed the same way. I wrote to her about the women's sewing center in as much detail as I knew how to, mostly because I was excited and hopeful about our venture.

Last month she had an old high school friend visit her from California. This high school friend is now a famous designer in Hollywood, helping show business folks to decorate their mansions. My friend just happened to mention that we have donated money for a sewing center in Nigeria and gave her the details I passed on.

A designer that none of us knows and will never meet was moved by our project and offered to ship me fabrics, mostly remnants, that she has left over from finished projects. Two weeks ago I received three big boxes of those fabrics. And ... it just so happened that a van was being

shipped to Nigeria and Father Martins hooked me up with the shipper who doesn't live too far away. The fabrics are now on their way to Sokoto, Nigeria where Father Martins will pick them up and keep them for the Christ Anglican Tailoring Center.

What I love about reporting this to you is that I didn't do anything but speak to my friend about it. The rest God took on as His own project! Dropping a small stone in a pond caused ripples to go from one coast to the other and then from one continent to another. I don't know how you feel but I'm amazed again and again at what God does and who he uses to do it.

Father Gil spoke today about works and about actions. Sometimes the Lord just requires our action to be a word spoken or relayed. He is faithful if we do just that little part.

I'm giggling to myself as I write this because somewhere in Nigeria, a pillow or hand bag may show up that is made of the same fabric on the perfectly upholstered chair or curtain in Demi Moore's home! Oh well, I'm proud to be known as a remnant and I eat leftovers and like them!

CANA ANNOUNCES THE “CHURCH AND ISLAM PROJECT”

HERNDON, Va. (August 19, 2009) – The Convocation of Anglicans in North America (CANA) announced its “Church and Islam Project,” an education-focused initiative to help Anglicans in the U.S. understand Islam and the challenge it poses to the Church and its mission.

CANA’s Canon Missioner, the Rev’d Canon Julian Dobbs, recently spoke at CANA’s Annual Council on the subject. “As Christians, we are called to reach out to the world around us to spread the love of Christ and that includes learning how to respond to other religions. CANA is committed to providing its members with honest and respectful information, while exposing the truth about so-called moderate Islam and encouraging evangelism to Muslims,” he said.

In addition to holding educational seminars and providing materials to CANA members, CANA’s “Church and Islam Project” will provide information at a new website, www.ChurchandIslam.com.

An ordained Anglican priest, Mr. Dobbs will be heading the “Church and Islam Project.” He was most recently the U.S. executive director for the Barnabas Fund, at which he developed awareness for the persecuted church and this growing ministry across the U.S.

“Through its association with the Church of Nigeria, CANA has watched with horror as anti-Christian violence has increased especially where Nigerian States have introduced Sharia [Islamic] law. Churches have been burnt and destroyed, Christians have been intimidated and some have been killed, all in the name of Islam. Islam continues to invade the Church here in the U.S., where Christians are increasingly subject to statements from Episcopal bishops and other leaders who confuse parishioners about the theological irregularities of Islam and champion ‘open pulpits’ where mullah’s are invited to teach from lecterns once dedicated to the proclamation of the historic Christian faith,” Rev’d Dobbs continued.

“Countless pastors and churches are being drawn into discussions on Islam and Christ, but we cannot let polite multi-faith dialog substitute for the truth of the Gospel message. CANA is committed to providing resources to help Christians deepen their understanding of Islam and to develop the appropriate Biblical response,” he said.

CANA Missionary Bishop Martyn Minns agrees. “The Gospel message does not exclude a fifth of the world’s population who are Muslims. We are called to love our neighbor – no matter what religion they practice – because the Christian faith has a distinctive message which

brings the salvation and love of God to a needy and broken world through the life-transforming Gospel of Jesus Christ,” he said.

The Convocation of Anglicans in North America (<http://www.canaconvocation.org/>) currently consists of more than 85 congregations and 179 clergy in 25 states. CANA was established in 2005 to provide a means by which Anglicans living in the USA who were alienated by the actions and decisions of The Episcopal Church could continue to live out their faith without compromising their core convictions. Created as a missionary initiative of the Church of Nigeria, about a dozen of the congregations are primarily expatriate Nigerians. CANA is a founding member of the Anglican Church in North America, an Anglican province that includes about 700 congregations.

MEN’S EMERGENCY SHELTER SIGN-UP

by Michelle Viesselman & Nancy Perez

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, October 24th as our next serving date. This will be CCA’s fifth time preparing and serving dinner to the 75-100 men in need.

We have a fantastic ‘All-Star’ group of volunteers and want to share this rewarding experience with the entire CCA family. Please stop by the front table and sign up to join us!

Can’t make it on the 24th? No time to cook? Would still like to help? The following nonperishable items are needed each month and can be brought to church on any Sunday:

- Napkins
- Paper cups
- Italian salad dressing
- Paper bowls
- Non-carbonated beverages

Other helpful items needed each month:

- Fresh fruit (uncut)
- Desserts
- Butter

Consider adding one of these items to your shopping list each month—use your Stop & Shop gift certificates and you’ll benefit CCA, too! :)

Thank you so much to all of our committed volunteers!

FATHER MARTINS UPDATE

by Vicki Manfredi

Father Martins Atanda returned to Nigeria in July. He was with us for 10 months and studied at OMSC, Overseas Ministries Study Center, in New Haven, CT. He studied alongside other international church leaders who came from their countries to participate in a residency program. For those of you not familiar with what this center is about ... it was founded in 1922 by the daughters of Gospel hymn writer William Howard Doane. Its original site was in Ventnor, NJ, but was relocated in 1987 to New Haven, CT. Those coming enjoy the full privileges of the Yale Divinity School Library, within walking distance from the residence. Furnished apartments and small monthly stipends are given to the residents. Most of them send this home since they are more than they make in their ministries there.

We at Christ Church Anglican have had the blessing of meeting many of these leaders from last year. Three wonderful sisters joined us for intercession. We continue to pray for them and they for us.

Father Martins has put his learning experience into practice and has been hard at work since his return to Sokoto, Nigeria. He is a sought after seminar leader and evangelist and he has sent us a recent update on his activities. These to be noted are upcoming and he has asked our prayers for them. Next week he will lead a Medical Mission into Niger Republic, a state just north of Sokoto where he lives, heavily populated with Muslims. A team of 40 participants including medical personnel and missionaries will go. They will

bring medical supplies and administer treatment free to hundreds. Those receiving treatment will also have the opportunity to hear the gospel, receive prayer and accept Jesus as Savior.

The week following Fr. Martins will hold an annual convention in Sokoto. People from many states will participate; missionaries, church planters and those who support missions will come and have the opportunity to grow in their vision and participation.

In October Fr. Martins will inaugurate a leadership focused church in Abuja State in the center of Nigeria. The primary purpose of this church is to identify and raise up leadership within Nigeria and to train, teach and equip them for the service of God's Kingdom.

We at Christ Church Anglican can be encouraged and raised up also into a new level of service and ministry as we contribute and support this work by our donation of funds to build a tailoring center that will bear our name. Our outreach has extended to the nation of Nigeria. We can do more.

Please pray for Fr. Martins, his family and his leadership team as they bless this country. Raise up the cross of Jesus as His Name is taken to the remote parts of the earth just as He commissioned us to do. What we can do here in prayer will be felt there. Lord, receive our prayers, Amen

ANGLICAN COMMUNION NEWS SERVICE:

New Primate elected for the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) has elected Nicholas Orogodo Okoh as its fourth Primate in succession to the Most Revd Peter Akinola. The announcement was made on 15 September after an election at the Cathedral Church of Stephen, Umuahia, Abia State in which the new Archbishop secured a two-thirds majority in a four candidate contest.

Currently Archbishop of Bendel Province and Bishop of Asaba diocese, the Most Revd Nicholas Orogodo Akoh retired from the army as a Lieutenant Colonel in 2001 having fought in the civil war.

He studied at Immanuel College of Theology, Ibadan between 1976 and 1979, was made deacon in 1979, appointed Archdeacon in 1987 and subsequently, in 1991, Archdeacon. He was elected Bishop of Asaba in 2001 and then in July 2005, Archbishop of Bendel.

JACKSONVILLE PRIEST BECOMES BISHOP FOR ANGLICAN DIOCESE

By Jeff Brumley



Neil Lebhar will lead 5,000 conservative Anglicans in the area.

ABOUT NEIL LEBHAR

Age: 59

Family: wife Marcia, four children

Education: Princeton University; Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and Virginia Theological Seminary

Career: Served a parish in Virginia for eight years before coming to Redeemer Episcopal Church in Jacksonville in 1988; helped create new parish, Redeemer Church (Anglican) in 2006

A Jacksonville priest who led thousands from the Episcopal Church has been elected the first bishop of a new diocese that will oversee about 5,000 conservative Anglicans in North Florida and South Georgia.

The Rev. Neil Lebhar was elected Saturday by clergy and lay leaders in what will be called the Gulf Atlantic Diocese of the Anglican Church in North America.

The Anglican Church in North America itself is a new American denomination; having been formed in June largely by those who left the Episcopal Church after an openly gay priest became bishop in New Hampshire in 2003.

Lebhar said he's eager to lead but also glad the position has a seven-year term limit.

"I think the greatest impact for the kingdom takes place through the ministry of local Christian communities," Lebhar said. "So my heart has been, and always will be, for the parish."

Lebhar was elected by the new diocese's clergy and lay leaders, who chose him over the Rev. Jim Hobby of Thomasville, Ga.

Lebhar spoke Monday about what lies ahead as he prepares to don the purple shirt traditionally worn by Anglican bishops.

So how do you like wearing that purple shirt?

(Laughs) I'm wearing a red shirt, a red golf shirt, actually.

When will you be confirmed as bishop?

We don't know how or when the college of bishops is going to confirm the election. They can do it by e-mail or

they can do it by the December meeting.

What will you be doing first? Forming diocesan councils, appointing other leaders?

We'll have some people doing some jobs. But with the model we're now in, the bishop operates as clergy in his home parish and the structure is much flatter and the ministry is much more parish-oriented. Only a third of my time will be spent as bishop.

What's the biggest challenge for you and the diocese as you start this journey?

I think the biggest challenge is for us to continue to grow healthy congregations while adding new ones.

So you'll be starting new congregations?

Yes. There's a church plant that's been started at Jacksonville Beach in the past couple of months and there will be more coming. We're not expecting to be receiving any more congregations from the Episcopal Church at this stage.

What area does the new diocese cover, and how many parishes?

Right now it stretches from St. Augustine to Savannah, south to north, and east to west we actually go as far as the Gulf west of Tallahassee. It also covers Thomasville, Ga. Right now there are more than 22 parishes.

Are other bishops being elected around the country?

Yes. As new dioceses are forming, new bishops are being elected.

Why does the position come with a time limit?

The reason for that is to be able to refresh leadership on a regular basis. It's also so that parishes do not have an indefinite burden of sharing their priests with the diocese.

Who are some bishops who will serve as role models in your new position?

I'm grateful for Stephen Jecko, who was my bishop here in (the Episcopal Diocese of) Florida. He was a great encouragement and I'm sorry we lost him ... to cancer in retirement (June 2007). And then, gosh, my bishop from Uganda, Joel Obetia. And then I'm grateful for Bishop John Howe from (the Episcopal Diocese of) Central Florida, who brought me to faith in Christ when I was 17.



Gift cards are available every Sunday at the 8am and 10am services. **We are now earning 5% Profit on every dollar!!** Thanks to our loyal buyers each week — we have topped \$1000 in profit with our new bunch of cards this month!! Awesome!! And that is just by doing our regular shopping! The bonus: there is no extra cost to us, we are making money just for normal shopping!!! So please remember to get your gift cards every Sunday, we have denominations of \$100, \$50, \$25, \$20 And even \$10 cards. **Every dollar counts!!**

NOTES

- Please continue to pray for the healing of Myrtle Cunningham, Anthony Bates, Bobbie Buckley, Frank Stoddard, Sheryl Raffile, and Karl Swanson. (Names on this list will be removed after one month unless there is a request to renew them.)
- 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.
- Stop and Shop gift cards are available every Sunday after 8 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services.
- Please bring in pictures of your children and/or grandchildren to be displayed as part of the Mustard Seed Project. We will be praying for them as we pray for the healing of this land.
- Our next meal service to the Men’s Shelter will be next Sunday, October 24th. If you would like to volunteer please see Michelle Viesselman or Nancy Perez.
- Small Groups/Bible Studies:
 Sunday, 9:00 – 10:00 at Church between Services: “Paul’s letter to the Romans”
 Tuesday, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m., at 47 Prospect Rd [the Heermans]: “Intercessory Prayer”
 Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., at 672 Townsend Ave, New Haven: “The Gospel of John”
- This is YOUR newsletter so, voice your opinion, write your stories!

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Jewelry Sale (proceeds to go to Fr. Martins’ Medical Team)	October 11
Constitutional Synod for the Anglican District of the Northeast (ADN)	October 11-12
Next Vestry Meeting	October 20