

THE SAN JOAQUIN ANGLICAN

The Bishop's Corner

The Right Reverend Eric Vawter Menees

As I write this article it is the cusp of the Summer Solstice - the days are long and warm (well actually seriously HOT here in Fresno) and here I am thinking of the fall and my first Diocesan Convention as the Bishop of the Diocese of San Joaquin. The convention will focus on the themes of development that I would like to see for the coming year: Congregational Development, Clergy Development and Development of Youth Ministries. Over the next few months as we lead up to the convention I will be focusing on one aspect of these themes of development and this month I would like to discuss the development of Youth Ministries.

As I visit churches each week I hear over and over the desire to reach out and minister to the youth of the congregation and the youth of the community. These are words that warm my heart and stir my spirit. The question that each congregation asks in one way or another is, "How do we do it?" Well, let me tell you, it's not rocket science - we minister to the youth the same way we minister to anyone else - by taking a genuine interest in them as individuals and in their families.

First, we begin by creating a space that says it's OK to have children in the service during worship. I know that from time to time the sounds of children fidgeting in the pew can be slightly distracting for folks. However, I love hearing those sounds - those are the sounds of life and vitality - and frankly, it bothers the parents more than anything. If you are in a parish that has sounds of children in the service count your blessings that you are in a multi-generational congregation and reach over and tell that parent that you love having their child in church!

Second, as children grow older it is vital to offer a worship and educational experience for them. This does not have to be a big production - simply sharing the faith in a structured fashion that communicates to the children the importance of the faith and the life it brings us in Christ.

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BISHOP'S SCHEDULE AND DIOCESAN CALENDAR

July 1 – Bishop @ St. Andrew's, Lancaster

July 8-14 - Family Camp @ ECCO

July 10 – Rural Deans at 10:00 a.m.

July 15 – Bishop @ Good Shepherd, Reedley

July 15 - 21st - Camp H2O

July 22 – Bishop @ St. Jude's, Tehachapi

July 24 - 28 - Camp San Joaquin High School Camp

July 29 - August 2nd - Camp San Joaquin Youth Camp

From “*History of the Diocese of San Joaquin*” ...

CHAPTER TWO

The Foundations Are Laid

*[ed. note—the following is a series of historical essays taken from “*History of the Diocese of San Joaquin*,” Chapter 2, “The Foundations Are Laid.”]*

ST. JAMES’ CATHEDRAL, FRESNO

Fresno County’s first white settlement was at Fort Miller, a site now covered by Millerton Lake. In October 1855, Bishop Kip visited Fort Miller and conducted services there. He appointed the Fort’s doctor as a lay reader. The desolate, dusty, parched plains did not then offer any prospect of future prosperity until A. Y. Easterby conducted his first experiments with irrigation in the Fresno area. In 1872, the railroad reached a point near Easterby’s field and changed the prospect greatly. Following a vote in 1874, the county seat, buildings and all, was loaded on wagons, hauled from Millerton to the new site of “Fresno City,” and reconstructed. By 1875, Fresno had a population of 600, including some 200 Chinese. Before 1879, Episcopal priests W. C. Powell and Elias Birdsall stopped in Fresno City on exploratory trips through the San Joaquin valley and held a service or two.



I June 1879, on his own initiative, the Rev. D. O. Kelley toured the Central Valley by rail, staying for two Sundays in Fresno. He visited one of the first irrigated vineyards in the valley, and sensed the importance of this for the future of the town. In September, he was sent back to Fresno by the Board of Missions and took up residence, doing his missionary work up and down the valley from this center. In formal organization, St. Paul’s, Bakersfield, predates St. James’ by two weeks; St. James’ was organized December 15, 1879. Two Tupper brothers, former Confederate soldiers, worked with Fr. Kelley, a former Union Officer, as Warden and vestrymen, all but six or eight communicants were women at the start. Services were held in S. D. Tupper’s law office, then in a shanty-like hall, later in a vacant school room.



In 1881-1882, two lots were given to the Church by the Railroad, at Fresno and N Streets, opposite the present-day City Hall and Memorial Auditorium. Kelley bought and paid for four adjacent lots, and a brick church facing Fresno Street, and a frame parsonage, were built with generous assistance from the East. As a Deputy to General Convention in 1880, Kelley made it a special point to help form the American Church Building Fund, and had scoured the East for help in Fresno. As a result the church was consecrated December 7, 1884. In Easter tide, 1888, St. James’ Church became a parish, and D. O. Kelley was elected its first Rector. At the time it was a thing of note to record that all seven men on the Vestry were also communicants. Ten years later 275 communicants were listed, of whom 140 were in “good standing.” The first postulant for Holy Orders had also come from the parish and went to Nashotah House. Bishop Nichols called Fr. Kelley to his staff in San Francisco, and he left the parish on July 8, 1891.

William Lucas was the second Rector, from March 6, 1892 to 1900. He also served as first Dean of the San Joaquin Convocation. Harvey S. Hanson was third Rector, September 1900 to August 31, 1911. During his tenure the original brick church was demolished and a new cornerstone laid by Bishop Nichols on September 8, 1901. The new church, facing N Street, was built during 1902, with a debt of some \$7,000, which was rapidly reduced in the next few years. A handsome rectory was also built.

Upon the creation of the Missionary district of San Joaquin in 1910 Fresno became the See city. By agreement between Bishop Louis C. Sanford and the Vestry of St. James’, it became the Pro-Cathedral, thus realizing the dream of its founder over forty years earlier. On nomination by the Bishop, and confirmation of the Vestry, the Rev. G. R. E. MacDonald of Hanford became the first Dean. R. W. Rhames was appointed Canon, and J. H. Waterman was made an honorary Canon. The Pro-Cathedral was consecrated on October 27, 1911. In 1925, St. James’ Church was officially made the Cathedral Church of the Bishop of San Joaquin.

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The Bishop's 2012 Spiritual Pilgrimage to Israel



Greetings,

If you have ever considered making your spiritual pilgrimage to the land of the Bible, visiting the spring in Nazareth where Mary drew water, sailing across the Sea of Galilee where Jesus walked, climbing the very steps on the temple mount that Jesus climbed, and praying in Gethsemane where Jesus prayed, you will want to join us. And on this very special tour we will welcome in the new year on the Sea of Galilee and celebrate Epiphany in Bethlehem.

I invite you, your friends and families to join me and my family on a very special spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

Esti Barak of Middle East Connection has put together a wonderful tour. We have secured the renowned Israeli tour guide, Mr. Roni Winter and we will be departing from LAX December 27, 2012 and returning January 8, 2013.

Seating is limited so do not delay. Send queries to Fr. Derek Thomason at thomasonpi@yahoo.com or call him at 559-960-0966.

Faithfully yours in Christ,
+Eric

The Right Reverend Eric Vawter Menees
Bishop of San Joaquin

They devoted themselves to the Breaking of Bread...

Wednesday, July 11, 2012

- 3:00 p.m. Registration begins
5:00 p.m. Solemn Pontifical Eucharist (Votive Mass of the Holy Eucharist)
The Rt. Rev. Keith Ackerman, FiFNA President
Homily: (John 6:35) The Bread of Life- Food for the Journey
(Viaticum; Medicine of Immortality (Medicina Immortalitatis))
6:30 p.m. Dinner
7:30 p.m. Introductions of guests, attendees; Meeting Agenda and Nominations
Update, Resolutions update
8:00 p.m. Presidential Address: The Rt. Rev. Keith Ackerman and MDAS: The
Rev. William H. Ilgenfritz, Ordinary of MDAS
Responses to Presidential Address and MDAS Report. Participants
respond to Address and MDAS Report with comments and
questions etc.
9:00 p.m. Adjournment

Thursday, July 12, 2012

- 8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
8:30 a.m. **First Teaching: Father Lawrence D. Bausch, SSC: The Sacraments:
Christ's Gifts to the Church**
9:30 a.m. General Session I (items to TBA and listed here)
10:15 a.m. Break
10:45 a.m. Reports: Financial Report; Publications Report; Status of
Nominations; Resolutions update; Voting; Other
Business
Noon Noonday Prayers and Lunch
1:30 p.m. General Session II (items, TBA and listed here)
2:30 p.m. **Second Teaching: The Rt. Rev. Ray Sutton: Christ in the Eucharist**
(Real Presence of Christ in the Sacrament)
3:30 p.m. Break
4:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Anointing for Healing: The Rt. Rev. William
Ilgenfritz, Celebrant
Homily: (John 6:51) For the Life of the World
6:00 p.m. Dinner
7:15 p.m. Fellowship

Friday, July 13, 2012

- 8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
8:30 a.m. General Session III (Voting Results, Concluding Business)
9:30 a.m. **Third Teaching: The Rt. Rev. Donald Parsons: The Eucharist as
the Source and Center of Christian Life**
10:30 a.m. Break
11:00 a.m. Closing Eucharist: Bishop Celebrant TBA: Votive Mass for Mission
Homily: The Holy Eucharist, the Foundation of Christian Mission
of FiFNA.
Noon Adjournment



SAVE THE DATES – PLAN TO ATTEND

The 2012 [Annual Assembly](#) of
Forward in Faith North America
will be held July 11-13 at The
National Shrine of [Our Lady of
the Snows](#) in Belleville, IL.

Registration form at:
http://fifna.org/sites/default/files/registration_2012.pdf

LAO MISSION PROJECT NEWS UPDATE



Fr. Martin and Rose Bunsy returned to Laos on April 4th, 2012. From January through March of 2012 they visited many churches here in the Diocese and shared their pressing need for financial help to keep the English and Computer School open (now called John David School).

Many individuals and churches responded with generous donations. \$15,878 has come to the Diocesan Office since January, of which \$11,324 qualifies for the matching grant. Praise the Lord, the school's obligations were met and the doors stayed open.

Thank you, faithful supporters, for helping the school to uphold its good name. Once again you have blessed this ministry.

In a surprising turn of events, the Government, which owns the building John David School has occupied for the last eight years,

decided recently to use the building for offices for Government workers. The school can not use the building for at least a year. The Government told Fr. Martin he is free to continue to run the school elsewhere, but he must find a new place to meet while a new building is being constructed for offices.

Fr. Martin has decided to put the school on hold. He said he sees the hand of God in the temporary school closure. He is now able to devote all his attention to the Jacob's Farm and the ministry.

He just finished overseeing the planting of 45 acres of manioc. Last year's planting of nine acres yielded a profitable harvest this spring. Manioc (which is called "yuca root" and "tapioca" in California grocery stores) grows easily in Southeast Asia; demand in Asia is strong for these roots that are exceptionally high in carbohydrates. Fr. Martin looks forward to a great harvest next spring.

Fr. Martin is delighted he will have more time for the passion of his heart: harvest and planting of new disciples. Bob Blake, a missionary from Global Teams, is in Laos right now and is Fr. Martin's right hand in English instruction and discipleship training. Recent training sessions have led to more baptisms, the fruit of the Kingdom.

As always, please keep Lao Mission Projects under prayer.

Thank you, once again, for your generous contributions that enable Lao Mission Projects to continue functioning. Even though John David School is closed, education continues in the most vital area of all: sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ.

For more information contact Carol Raines for Friends of Lao Mission Project at 559-916-9950.



Impressions from the 2012 ACNA Council and Assembly Meeting

Fr. Carlos L. Raines

As I begin to share my impressions of the June 5-9th meeting of the 2012 Council and Assembly, perhaps a few words about each of those meetings will help.

Under our new ACNA Constitution ratified by the last meeting of the Assembly three years ago in Texas, the ACNA is currently governed by at least an annual meeting of the College of Bishops, followed by an annual meeting of the Council. These two groups have, in fact, met yearly since we were founded three years ago (last June we met in Long Beach, California). These two yearly meetings enable ACNA leadership to make certain limited decisions between meetings of the Assembly which must be held at least every five years, but can meet every three years. Constitutional and canonical changes are usually developed by the Governance Task Force. These are forwarded to the Council and then to the Provincial Assembly. The Governance Task Force White Paper puts it this way:

Concerning the Constitution: The executive Committee may *propose* Constitutional Amendments to the Provincial Council, and the Council by majority vote may *approve* and submit them to the Provincial Assembly, where they must be *adopted* by a two-thirds vote of the Assembly.

Concerning the Canons: The council has power to *make* or *amend* Canons by majority vote, subject to *ratification* by majority vote of the Assembly.

No amendment of either the Constitution or the Canons may become effective until at least ninety days following its adoption.
(Italics from original author)

The local diocese elects one clergy person and two lay persons to join the Bishop as members of the Council. Current representatives for this diocese are Fr. Carlos Raines and John Cavanagh and Ted Yumoto. (New elections will be held at our next convention.) These representatives along with one more clergy representative (Fr. John Riebe this year) are San Joaquin representatives to the Assembly as well. Fr. Carlos and John and Ted attended the Council meeting (on Tuesday, 5th of June) and Fr. John Riebe joined us for a full team of representatives for the Assembly meeting held on the evening of Wednesday the 6th of June.

Along with these “business” meetings of the ACNA, the Assembly meetings are occasions for fine teaching, training and other activities open to any member of ACNA across the continent! These included many classes in church planting, evangelism, world mission and small group development, among other topics. Plenary speakers this year included Bishop Todd Hunter speaking on church planting and Dr. Ed Stetzer speaking on church growth and development in practical terms. Other plenary speakers included Baroness Caroline Cox telling with pictures and words the enormous suffering of persecuted Christians around the world (“I have to tell you that I unashamedly and bald-facedly and illegally cross borders to enter forbidden zones in which various regimes seek to persecute Christians away from the world's witness.”) We were treated to a very powerful Bible teaching every morning by Bishop Ponniah, new Bishop of Singapore (and therefore, in charge of evangelism and church planting across S.E. Asia!). Bishop Ponniah chose three passages from Isaiah as he taught us.

Though I did not attend any of its sessions, I was aware that there were a good number of young people who were simultaneously attending a youth event and receiving their own teachings and break-out sessions along with the adults.

I was very impressed with the vibrancy and the joy and the growth of the ACNA even just over the past year. Here are some of the things to celebrate:

- We are over 400 in our quest to plant 1000 churches by the end of Archbishop Duncan's term in just over 2 more years. (With the way church planting tends to grow exponentially, this is a very good number we are told!)
- We added another new Diocese (Diocese of the Carolinas) with over 1200 members and growing rapidly;
- We added another Diocese in Formation (Diocese of Christ the King) located mostly in Eastern Texas;
- We amended both Constitution and Canons with little disagreement and mostly unanimous votes, passing everything proposed by the Governance Task Force.
- We heard reports and worshiped with the tentative proposed Eucharistic liturgies and Morning and Evening Prayer services being developed for the new ACNA prayer book. We were told that in a few months several dioceses will be chosen to use these liturgies exclusively for six months or so and then give feedback to the Prayer Book task force as to their acceptability.

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- We heard astounding reports from the Ecumenical Task Force about serious talks for inter-communion with two kinds of Lutherans (including the Missouri Synod) and even with the Orthodox Church in America (and for the second time, His Beatitude, Metropolitan Jonah spoke to us personally, encouraging and welcoming us to explore the possibility for full inter-communion with the OCA, perhaps, God willing, in the near future!)

I kept meeting people, both clergy and lay who were involved in new church plants! The ACNA is really on the move on behalf of the Kingdom of God.

These are but a few of the good impressions I left the Council and the Assembly with, and which caused me to be so glad to be in the ACNA and to thank God for the wise and godly leaders He has blessed us to have.

I would strongly encourage anyone from our diocese who would like to be “refreshed in the Lord” and instructed and deeply blessed to make every effort to attend the next Assembly meeting, most likely about three years from now. To see pictures and to discover more about the conference, go to <http://anglicanchurch.net/?main/assembly2012>

I was very blessed to attend this event with the others on our team and to represent you all at this gathering and I am very grateful to you for entrusting to me this responsibility.

Sincerely in Christ,

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Spring Yosemite Deanery Quarterly Assembly Followup The Very Rev. Ron Parry, Dean

Fr. Gerry Grossman and the good people at St. Francis, Turlock graciously welcomed 35 people, representing seven of the ten congregations in our deanery, to the Yosemite Deanery Spring Assembly on May 12. The topic was “Church Growth and Development” and was based on Bishop Menees’ teaching at the Clergy Conference earlier in May. Fr. John Roberts and Fr. Ron Parry were the presenters and several break-out sessions were included to allow for discussion. The presenters provided outlines of their talks to facilitate retention. The notes and handouts have been sent to all the clergy in the deanery so that they can share the material with their lay leaders.

Feedback at the Assembly was very positive and many questions were raised. The Deanery will use those questions as a basis for planning their next Assembly.

Diocesan Council to Visit Your Congregation Soon!

The diocesan council will be out and about visiting every congregation in the Diocese of San Joaquin. They will make themselves available for you to ask questions and give feedback about the health and well being of the Diocese and your congregation. In addition the council members will be filling out a questionnaire for the clergy and leadership to give them feedback on things like signage, worship, fellowship etc. to give a visitors point of view.

Bishop Eric

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Third, as children grow older encourage them to participate in youth group. If your church is not large enough to support a youth group, form a partnership with other congregations in your deanery or with other local bible believing churches.

In addition, encourage the Jr. High School youth to participate in our new **FLAYM** retreat this summer at **Camp San Joaquin July 29 - August 2**. FLAYM stands for "Following the Lord Anglican Youth Ministry" and is designed to offer a faithful explanation of the faith and a personal encounter with the Lord. You can also encourage the High School Aged students to participate in one of two retreats that the diocese is offering: **Camp H2O** at ECCO the week of July 15. This is a high-energy encounter with God the Holy Spirit that has a long history in the Diocese of San Joaquin. A third retreat follows on the heels of FLAYM and that is the High School camp and also new to the diocese - **AYM High** or Anglican Youth Ministry High School will be held at Camp San Joaquin July 24-28. This camp in particular is designed to bring youth to a deeper level of faith and commitment to Christ and His

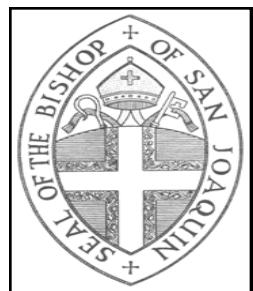
Church by raising up leaders among the youth and equipping them to bring that leadership and enthusiasm back to the parish. Both AYM High & FLAYM are designed to be self-replicating and my prayer is that these retreats which are youth lead will be offered multiple times throughout the year and across the diocese. More information on these three Camp/Retreats can be found on our website: www.dioceseofsanojquin.net

Fourth, as our youth graduate high school and go off to college or into the work place we need to reach out to them just as we do for the youngest and the oldest among us - by taking a genuine interest in them as individuals and in their families. If you have young men and women heading off to college encourage them to be involved in Christian groups on campus and help them to find the local Anglican church in their area. If your parish is anywhere near a college campus then reach out to those students - invite them to worship and into your homes during the holidays. Invite them to bible study and activities at the church. Invite them to be a part of the family of Christ! And that is it in a nutshell isn't it... youth ministry is not rocket science it is as simple as saying to a young boy or girls, young man or woman - "God loves you more than you can imagine - let me tell you about Jesus and his love." And to that I say AMEN!



Looking for a church to attend while traveling this summer? Check out Anglican 1000's list of latest church plants around the nation. The list is constantly growing!!

<http://anglican1000.org/?main/plants/#597>



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