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GC2009: "No Outcasts in Anaheim"

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General Convention Numbers

- 880 – clergy and lay deputies seated in the House of Deputies
- 324 – resolutions adopted by General Convention
- 127 – glory attacks the rector had meeting & greeting friends and colleagues from all over the church
- 2,017 – buttons handed out at the All Saints booth
- 500 – "Here I am, Send me!" t-shirts distributed
- 42 – volunteers who staffed the All Saints booth
- 86 – choir members who made a joyful noise at the Integrity Eucharist
- 21 – minutes of All Saints video looped repeatedly throughout the convention
- 3 – years until we do it all over again in Indianapolis at the 77th General Convention!

Details on all the legislative processes as well as photos and videos are available on the All Saints website. Just click on the "General Convention" button on the bottom of the home page.

Summer Choir!

All tuneful voices are welcome to sing any or all of the Sundays through September 6. Come to the Choir Room (downstairs in Regas House) promptly at 10:00 a.m. to prepare for the 11:15 a.m. service. For more information call Melissa Hayes, 626.583.2725 or mhayes@allsaints-pas.org.

The last time the General Convention of the Episcopal Church met in Anaheim the year was 1985 and the issue that was going to split the church and end western civilization as we know it was the ongoing argument over women's ordination. Elected that year as our 24th Presiding Bishop was Edmond Lee Browning – who set the tone for his episcopate with these words that continue to inspire: "In this church there will be no outcasts."

Twenty four years later we are still working to make those words of promise a reality in the Episcopal Church – and it is both a delight and a relief to report that MUCH progress was made in that regard at the just completed 76th General Convention. Thirty three years after promising "full and equal claim" to the gay and lesbian baptized, the Episcopal Church has affirmed equal access to ordination processes for all orders of ministry for all the baptized, has approved a broad local option for the blessings of our relationships and has called the church to work together toward common liturgical expressions of those blessings.

And as noteworthy as the content of these resolutions was the context! These resolutions passed not by narrow margins after rancorous debate. They passed by overwhelming consensus after respectful dialogue that left no doubt that those who gathered in Anaheim are committed to an inclusive Anglicanism that keeps at the table all who desire to do so.

Perhaps even more importantly, unlike our last two General Conventions, where the resolutions regarding human sexuality so consumed our legislative process that there was precious little left for anything else, this 76th General Convention worked long, hard and diligently to "do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God" – acting on everything from lay equity in pension plans to ending torture;

on labor issues and human rights violations; on universal health care and climate change; on human trafficking, immigration reform and ending the blockade in Cuba.

One of the most moving moments for me came on the last day of legislation when Deputy Frank Wade reminded us that our legislative actions were -- in their own way -- offerings being laid at the altar of our God who calls us to this work of justice, compassion and love. The reminder that "liturgical" and "political" are words that share a root – and that both are the work of the people – was a holy container for this holy work we have been about for the last ten days in Anaheim.

That holy work stands on the holy shoulders of a great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us, and All Saints Church should be duly proud to have contributed a fair share of them. Rector Emeritus George Regas -- whose commitment, passion and organizational gifts helped move forward the ordination of women to the priesthood in the 70's and whose prophetic "God, Sex & Justice" sermon helped break new ground for LGBT inclusion in the 90's. All those who worked with Ed Bacon to create *Beyond Inclusion* as the All Saints witness to full inclusion to the Episcopal Church and to the Anglican Communion. Jim White and Peggy Adams who – along with the rector – imagined a wider collaborative ministry focused on LGBT inclusion and brought *Claiming the Blessing* into being in 2002.

Along with countless others, their passion, vision and commitment have brought us these important steps forward toward that goal of that church with NO outcasts +Ed Browning held out for us all those years ago. And may the God who inspires us to dream that dream of a truly inclusive church continue to give us the grace and power to work to make that dream a reality!

Sunday

AUGUST 9, 2009

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ADULTS AT 10:15

The Story of Stuff

with Dorothy Christ

Do you suffer from having too much "stuff"? Do you and your children want all the new gadgets? And then how do we dispose of it all? Bring the whole family and join Sustainable World with a glass of lemonade in the cool Forum as we watch this 20 minute, fast-paced, fact-filled look at the underside of our production and consumption patterns. *The Story of Stuff* exposes the connections between a huge number of environmental and social issues, and calls us together to create a more sustainable and just world. It'll teach you something, it'll make you laugh, and it just may change the way you look at all the stuff in your life forever! Forum

How to Love Someone as Partners, Parents and Friends, Part 4

with Rick Thyne

Repairing Damaged Love. What to do when the roof falls in. Sweetland Hall

The Next "Second Saturday" Celebration Goes to Eaton Canyon, Saturday, August 8 at 5 p.m.

Join CYF for an outdoor eucharist at Eaton Canyon (in the shade!!), and a potluck supper afterwards.

The theme for the service is "Bread For Life" so bring or make your favorite bread to share afterwards. Bring a folding chair if you can. Wilma Jakobsen will preach and Adam Hawley from Manhattan Transfer will provide music. All are welcome. For more information contact Isabel Leus at ileus@allsaints-pas.org or 626.583.2733.

Team Green Clean...

Parish Clean Up Day, September 12!

Help All Saints become a "Garden of Eden" inside and out.

Grab a broom, grab a rake, sweep, clean & lubricate.

Dust & polish doors & pews
Prune & plant in different hues.

Weed & feed your souls delight
With friends & music to make things bright

A fiesta feast will be served to you
In grateful thanks for the Team Green crew.

Join us Saturday, September 12, from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on the quad, with lunch from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

FOR CHILDREN

Preschool (ages 2-4), SCOTT HALL

9:00 Infant and Child Care with Bible Stories
10:30 Rooms 2 and 3: Summer Sunday School

Grade School (K-5), LEARNING CENTER

9:00 Children's Chapel: Children go to church with their parents, leave after the Gospel, and return before the offering.
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FOR YOUTH, JR. HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL

10:15-11:00 JR. HIGH & SR. HIGH SCHOOL
Summer Sunday School

JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH ROOMS

Midyear Budget Review

The Vestry Finance Committee met on July 23 to take up the issue of our annual midyear budget review. We instituted this process when Ed Bacon became rector, to allow us to make adjustments, through revenue and/or expense cuts, to respond to the financial results through the first six months of the year.

As of June 30, 2009, we are \$64,000 below budget in pledge payments year-to-date. We also show \$116,000 in expense savings, \$30,000 of which is "real" (not related to timing), with an additional potential \$30,000 in expenses identified which could be cut if necessary. The finance committee is comfortable with not making further budget or staff cuts at this time, but we will carefully monitor the pledge receipts and expenses month to month, and postpone spending as is necessary.

The complete financials for June are posted on our website (go to the Ministries page, look at the bottom right under Vestry and click on "Resources"). The financial health of our parish is a shared responsibility, and we welcome your questions or comments: contact Christina Honchell, Parish Administrator, at 626.583.2742 or chonchell@allsaints-pas.org.

EUCCHARIST AT 7:30, 9:00, 11:15 A.M. AND 1 P.M.

The Rev. Zelda Kennedy will preach on *Where Do You Need to Be Nourished?* at 7:30, 9, and 11:15 a.m. The Rev. Wilma Jakobsen will preach at the 1 p.m. Spanish-English service.

The Quartet (at 9) and Summer Choir (at 11:15), offer *Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray* by Gilbert Martin and *If Ye Love Me* by Thomas Tallis.

SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURES

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33
Psalm 130
Ephesians 4:25-5:2
John 6:35, 41-51

Building Project Update

At a specially called meeting on July 21, the Vestry unanimously voted to approve the recommendation of the Building Project Team to begin the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) process.

At the time our project was submitted to the Planning Commission in December 2008, with the approval of the city's Planning Department, both the City Attorney's office and the Planning Department had determined that the environmental impacts of our master plan would be negligible and could be mitigated without a full evaluation and report. The Planning Commission concluded otherwise and determined that All Saints should prepare an EIR to address the issues raised at the Planning Commission meeting.

Although we could have appealed directly to City Council for approval of the master plan without an EIR, we opted to continue in dialogue and discussions to determine if a compromise could be effected which would address the issues raised at the Planning Commission and avoid the considerable expense and time of an EIR. At the invitation of the head of the city's Planning Department we have participated in continued discussions with city staff and members of Pasadena Heritage. We have been open to sugges-

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Sunday

AUGUST 16, 2009

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ADULTS AT 10:15

How to Love Someone as Partners, Parents and Friends, Part 5

with Rick Thyne

The Child Trap. When children run the family, nobody wins. Sweetland Hall

The Poetry of Leadership

with Anne Peterson

Guild Room

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tions and changes, except for those which would compromise our mission and programs. Our architects have worked diligently in making changes which have addressed many of the concerns we have heard, and all this effort has resulted in a better project.

Unfortunately, it has become clear that further dialogue will not result in a successful compromise. The Building Project Team, after carefully weighing all options has determined that the EIR process is our best alternative at this point. The EIR will reflect the extent to which we have brought the community into the discussion from the start and how we have responded substantively to virtually every concern raised. It will put us in better stead in going back to the Planning Commission and ultimately to the City Council for approval. Though these delays and additional costs are frustrating, we continue to remain fully confident that we will be successful in bringing world-class architecture to All Saints and Pasadena in furtherance of our mission.

It's Time!



All Saints Children's Summer Adventure, Our Planet Earth, will take place from August 10 - 14th. Each day will begin with morning worship where children will explore a different topic and will have the opportunity to listen to presentations by wonderful guest speakers. We've got artists,

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gardeners, yoga teachers, and reptiles coming! After lunch the Daily Bazaar will take place in the Learning Center with Free Choice Table stations spread throughout the Learning Center. The goal of this year's Summer Adventure is to conclude camp with a student written action for the Parish to sign at the August 16th service. The children will also work on crafts made out of the materials donated from the recycle drive. Be sure to check out the awesome handmade flowers on the altar on the 16th of August! There are still a few spots available for students in kindergarten through fifth grade. For more information contact Jobi Harrell at 626.583.2763 or jharrell@allsaints-pas.org.

Call For Sunday School Teachers

The children of the parish are the future of the Church itself, and we, as a Christian family, must be collectively committed to their training in the Faith. We have news to share! The good news: Our lovely Sunday school team of Carlos Puertas and Linda Bassett were recently married and are now expecting a little one in early 2010! Yeah! With that, we are in need of a new team of Godly play instructors within our Kindergarten - Fifth Grade Sunday school program. The respon-

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The Quartet (at 9) and Summer Choir (at 11:15) offer *O Sacred Feast* by Healy Willan.

SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURES

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14
Psalm 111
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

Memorial flowers are a beautiful way to remember a loved one, celebrate a special event, or to give thanks for someone who has touched your life. To donate flowers for the altars, please call 626.796.1172

sibility to the Sunday school program would include a mandatory training session, your presence on the dates that you commit to, and a genuine love for our younger church members. If you are an actor or storyteller with a gift for memorization or a contemplative individual who enjoys learning as a child learns, please contact Jobi Harrell at 626.583.2763 or jharrell@allsaints-pas.org.

Children's & Youth Choir Registration

Children's and Youth Choir registration will be held Sunday, September 13, 9:00-11:30 a.m. in Sweetland Hall. All children and youth (K-12) are welcome in one of our choirs: **Minisingers** (K-1st grade), **Mastersingers** (grades 2-3), **Troubadours** (grades 4-5), **Middle School Trouvères** (grades 6-7), and **Mixed Ensemble Trouvères** (grades 8-12).

Middle School and High School Trouvères begin on Wednesday, Sept. 9, with rehearsal at 5:00 p.m. followed by dinner and youth program orientation meeting. Parents also attend a registration orientation meeting from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in Sweetland Hall. For more information about the children's and youth choir program, contact Stephanie Mowery at 626.583.2719 or smowery@allsaints-pas.org.

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Climate Change Is Here

Conscientious Projector's selection this month, *Weather Report*, is both a forecast and a present day disaster account showing the devastation that global warming is already wreaking on people and places around the world. It will screen on Thursday, Aug. 13 at 7 p.m. at The Armory Center for the Arts. Filmmaker Brenda Longfellow's bracing, beautifully made documentary also warns that rampant industrial growth and consumerism in rising world economic powers such as China, India and Indonesia are causing dangerous increases in the proliferation of greenhouse gases, hastening the timeline toward irreversible environmental destruction.

Cal Tech Senior Research Associate Emeritus and glaciologist Hermann Engelhardt will guide a community discussion following the film. The Armory is located at 145 N. Raymond in Old Pasadena. Admission is free and the facility is accessible to disabled persons. For more information, contact Marty Coleman at 626.792.4941.

SAVE THE DATE!

Homecoming 2009

Join the All Saints Community in celebrating our annual festive start of a new program year. Food, children's games, music and fellowship will abound. The date is September 20 and more information will follow. Pre-event discount meal tickets for adults go on sale on August 30th.

Recycle Drive Final Call!

Thank you for your participation one and all! Here's the last thing on our list: *Mesh Fresh Food Disposable Bag* (Used particularly for oranges and avocados). Please open the bag with scissors at the top. Avoid ripping a hole in the bag but we'll take it even if you do!

Prison Ministry

While on vacation this summer, please keep an eye out for those small bottles of shampoo and lotion or bars of soap in your hotel or motel rooms. We can always use as many of those as you can bring back as gifts to the incarcerated. To get involved with the Prison Ministry contact Gloria Killian at 626.710.7543, or Connie Smith at 626.799.4702.


prayers

FOR THE PARISH COMMUNITY

Remember those for whom prayers have been

requested: Rolando Artiga, Martha Baca, Lois Banwart, Helen Brain and family, Sara Calderon, Barbara Conroy, Edwin Diaz, Nora Diaz, Adrian Gil, Christina Hamilton, Eva Hooten, Tom H. Hubbard, Scott Lupton, Diahnne Payne, Iyad Qumri, Dennis Stark & Robert Amarantes, Karen Stilwell, Ray Wallstrom, Alice Young, Julie, Chanda, Ireland and Jordan

For those who have died: Rene Apel, Horace Boyer, Judy Kerler, Saul Lambert, Kyle Lindgren, Alice Mashek, Elizabeth Shapiro, Dr. O. Carl Simonton, Luke Stubbs

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