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Dear Friends at Grace,

Greetings and Love from Virginia!
We have enjoyed hearing from you. The newsletter is a great idea. I'm glad to see that the Sunday school is getting along so well. You have had snow! I can't say that I am lonesome for that....yet.

We've had a beautiful fall. Somewhat rainy but today is gorgeous. In the sixties. This is a very pretty area. Lots of trees with nice fall color. The terrain is rolling with rivers and valleys. D.C. is definitely big city and has an international and northern flavor. Alexandria, on the other hand, is quite southern. We are in a very integrated area. Our apts. are about 50% black and so is the grade school.

The pace is crazy. Everthing is very demanding on time and money. Jim is really enjoying his classes. They are tough academically. VTS prides itself on that. The seminary makes a big effort to get the seminarians together. We have had lots of picnics, dinners and a square dance. Jim plays on the football team and plans to play on the basket ball team as well. He got hurt Saturday in the game against the Pittsburg Kneelers. He is supposed to get his shoulder xrayed but hasn't got around to it yet. It is flag football but they still manage to crash into each other and get hurt. Jim is also taking guitar lessons from a friend.

The boys are very busy with school. They played soccer and I have signed them up for basketball next. Julian and Jamie have had the hardest time adjusting to the move. Julian is doing well now and Jamie is getting along better. Joel is pretty happy at his babysitter's. It would be nice to send him to nursery school but daycare is one of the things out here that costs a fortune. There are many things that the boys miss but we keep reminding them what a great opportunity this is for them. I'm sure eventually I'll convince them.

I am still working at Siemens Medical Systems. It keeps me very busy. I'm learning quite a bit about office mgt. I took a class offered on being a minister's wife. It was interesting. We have met some great people. I wish we had more time to get together. We have to make time once in a while and it's fun. I'm sure the time will go by fast and soon we'll be back to see everyone. Until then take care!

Love in Christ,

*Alana
+ Jim*

The Angel

by Nancy Sue Keith

Illustrated by Marcus Hamilton



As Christmas approached,
That wonderful season,
A mishap occurred without
Rhyme or reason.

The Anderson family,
Preparing their home
To make a bright place for
Santa to roam,

Went up to the attic
To pull down their treasures,
Decorations with memories
Abounding in pleasures.

As dad brought the last
Box of ornaments down,
Some of the trimmings
Fell to the ground.

Under the mangled,
Bright-colored array,
Beneath all the tinsel—
There the angel lay.

Mom came first to
The accident scene,
Then Peter, Shelly, Dale
And Uncle Gene,

Aunt Linda and Jesse,
And Donna came too,
But no one, no, no one
Knew just what to do.

This angel was part of
Their Christmas tradition,
But she couldn't go up—
Not in that condition.

Her halo was bent,
Her hair had come down
And one of her wings just
Could not be found.

Her robe was a mess,
Her face was the same,
The candle she held in her
Hands lost its flame.

And because it appeared that
Her time was done,
A great family dilemma
Now had begun.

Dad, so it seems,
For years had tried
To take down the angel,
And to put her aside.

You see, he liked stars
With tinsel and lights,
But past discussions
On stars had brought fights,

Because mom liked angels,
Simple and true,
In her eyes an angel was all
That would do.

The next day the family,
In Christmas tradition,
Went shopping for presents;
Yes, that was their mission.

Once at the mall
They broke into pairs,
To go through the stores
And to purchase their wares.

And while they were shopping
The idea came,
Although they were parted
The thought was the same.

Each group decided
That their task would be
To find something nice to
Put 'top the tree.

When they arrived home
They all came together,
To share with the family
Each new-found treasure.

And then to the shock
And the amazement of all,
The truth of the moment
Started to fall.

Jesse suggested that
It would be fun
To give each tree topper
A trial run.

Every few days
One went to the top,
But there wasn't just one
They all liked a lot.

It was now Christmas Eve,
And the time had come
To make the choice that
Would please everyone.

Then mom spoke up
In her practical way,
And gave a suggestion that
Saved the day.

"Let's fix up the old angel,"
It hadn't been tried;
"Not her again, please!"
Dad quickly replied.

Aunt Linda got thread,
Shelly brought glue,
Peter found paint, he
Knew what to do.

Dale found the wing that
Was lost in the pile,
They all started working and
After a while,

That angel looked better
Than ever before;
Dad even seemed
To like her much more.

The Anderson family,
All working together,
Had fixed her all up
And made her look better.

After the work of their hands
Was complete,
They sat her on top of the
Tree nice and neat.

The family gathered round
The newly trimmed tree
And sang Christmas carols
In sweet harmony.

Resting serene
On the tree up above,
The angel reflected
Their labor of Love.

She was more special
Than ever before,
Like nothing that anyone
Bought from the store.

The angel on top of the
Tree stands tall,
Wishing Merry Christmas
And reminding us all

That things done by families
Together can make
Memories that none in this
Wide world can take. ❧

Inscription Taken From:

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October 20, 1985 Warner Boyd



The Sunday School participants would like to Thank Warren Boyd for the donation of the book entitled Bible Stories For Children. We really appreciate his thoughtfulness in this act of Christian kindness. We will certainly get many years of enjoyment out of it!

THANK YOU WARNER!

Janice and Kitty

ECHOS FROM THE PAST

A few members were concerned that Grace Church Centennial was nearing and the history of the Church was not written down. The few members of concern are old timers of the Church. You guess who?

The information was searched and found in the following places: Mundt Library

Smith-Zimmerman Historical Museum

South Dakota State Historical Society

Bishop Gesner

Church History Book #1 April 24, 1888

The concerned members had an enjoyable and interesting time while doing their research. They found out that the Church was organized in 1887 by Bishop Hare. At this time, the building did not exist so services were held at: St. Stevens Mission, Boyd School in Herman Township in the Dakota Territory and various places in Madison. The present Grace Church came into being on August 14, 1890 when the corner stone was laid. The first service took place on Thanksgiving Day, November 27, 1890. The Dedication Service took place on August 7, 1893, and the Church was dedicated by Bishop Hare.

One interesting fact the committee felt the congregation would be interested in is: William H. H. Beadle was confirmed in the Grace Church on October 3, 1909 at the age of 71 years.

Now that you have been wondering who the "old timers" are, it is now time to solve the mystery as they have solved the mystery of the history of Grace Episcopal Church. They are: Warner Boyd, Hazel Moose, and Mildred Rumrill.



is for Members bonded together with the birth of the Christ child.



is for Excellence that each person in society tries to achieve.



is for high Regard members have for the Lord.



is for the Relationships that develop in a Christian society.



is for Years of devoted service by dedicated parishioners.



is for the Charity Christians extend.



is for Hope and Happiness given to people by knowing the Lord.



is for the Respect of the family.



is for the Inspiration God gives his people.



is for the Security that one gets from knowing God.



is for Teaching values to youth and young adults.



is for the Virgin Mary, mother of our Lord.



is for Admiration for those who care and provide for their families.



is for the Sharing with one another.

If you find a child's name written on your newsletter, you are responsible to buy a gift for that child and bring it to the Worship Service on December 15.



"One way to keep out of trouble is to breathe through your nose. It keeps your mouth shut."

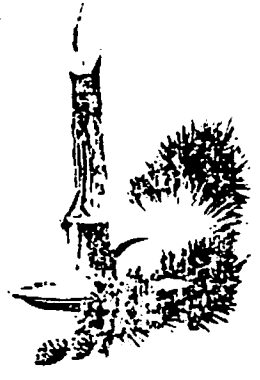
(Taken from the Episcopal newspaper Pulpit Helps)

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER

1	Morning Prayer	Rex Page or George Delay
8	Morning Prayer	Kitty Brewer
15	Morning Prayer	Rex Page or George Delay
22	Morning Prayer	Rex Page or George Delay
24	Christmas Eve Holy Communion	Father Campbell
29	Morning Prayer	Rex Page or George Delay

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

1	Ben Johnson
8	Annie Brewer
15	Annie Brewer
22	Ben Johnson
29	Ben Johnson



DID YOU KNOW

The Guild furnishes money for Altar linens, candles, robes, Communion wafers and wine when needed. \$500.00 was given to the remodeling project for the upstairs. The Guild pays the Diocesan assessment each year for each of the women on the church rolls. There are many requests from the diocese for the needy, church periodicals, and other funds which are met by the Guild. They appreciate any help that they receive.

The greatest gift at Christmas time is to let the Christ give Himself to us.

(Taken from: The Home Has A Heart
by Thyra Ferre Bjorn)

WHY IN THE WORLD DOES IT TAKE THE CHURCH THREE YEARS TO PUBLISH A HYMNAL THAT WAS APPROVED BY THE GENERAL CONVENTION IN 1982??????

Well every hymn has a text and a tune. Both are usually copyrighted, often by different parties. There was, of course, no point in purchasing rights to publish until the General Convention had approved the selections. So, the Hymnal Commission has gone through the tedious and time consuming business of purchasing publication rights, arranging and collating and preparing for publication after the September 1982, approval was given.

(The Hymnal 1940 was not actually in the pews of most churches until after 1945!)

Taken from the Johannine Epistle.

BAKE SALE

The Bake Sale was a tremendous success!!!! The Guild would like to Thank all of you that donated money and contributed the goodies! "Very rewarding" is the comment Violet Witt gave about the Bake Sale.

Keep selling those tickets for the TV - we still have two to three weeks yet. So far ticket sales are doing well! Please turn in money and tickets before December 15. Violet Witt is in charge of receiving the donations and will take the money at any time. The drawing will be held on Sunday, December 15.

Remember the Guild is also selling knives and other items. Check these out if needed for the up coming Holiday season or any other time. Elizabeth Campbell is the one to check with.



GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH ROSTER

Madison, South Dakota

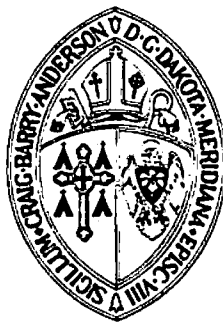
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Age..... under 40 (1) 40-65 (2) over 65 (3)

<u>Age</u>	<u>Name/Address</u>	<u>Committee's</u>	<u>Children under 18</u>
3	Warner Boyd RR3 Box 113	Bishop's	
1	Katherine (Kitty) Brewer 113 N. Union	Sunday School Layreader Bishop's Cm. Secretary	Annie
2	Hayward & Doris Chaplin 115½ N. Egan		
1	Michael & Katharine Clites RR 2		Meredith Carl
2	Mrs. Viola Cole RR3 Box 133		
3	Sid Davison 302 N. Dakota Howard	inactive	
2	George and Evelyn DeLay 924 N. Lincoln	Layreader Bishop's	
2	Karen Hall 519 8th Avenue Brookings		
2	Merrill & Beverly Hunter 903 N. Egan	Layreaders Bishop's	
1	Mrs. Janice Johnson 620 S.E. 1st	Altar Guild	Scott Ben Mary George
1	John Johnson 620 S.E. 1st	Acolyte	
2	Cora Lee Kirstein 915 N. Lincoln	inactive	
2	Janice A. Larson 229½ N. Egan	inactive	
3	Mrs. Floyd (Hazel) Moose 416 N. Division Ave. #4		

<u>Age</u>	<u>Name/Address</u>	<u>Committee's</u>	<u>Children Under 18</u>
1	Richard & Lois Moose 424 S. Egan	Alpha & Omega	
2	Bill Newcomb	inactive	
3	Mrs. Myrtle Newcomb 725 N. Lincoln		
2	Rex & Marilyn Page 814 N. Roosevelt	Layreader's Bishop's	
1	Judith Payne RR 3 Box 24		Jennifer
2	Robert & Doris Payne 819 N. Roosevelt		
3	Mrs. Frances Pfotenhauer 111 S. Washington		
2	Harold & Bernice Rethorn RR1 Box 538	Bishop's	
3	Mrs. Ethel Roberts (in Howard in nursing home)		
3	Mrs. Harvey (Mildred) Rumrill 503 N. Josephine		
1	Mark & Rose Schirmacher RR Junius		Andy
3	Fred & Ruby Stewart RR2 Box 106A	Delegate's Bishop's	
3	Mrs. Dean Stillson 508 N.E. 1st		
3	Violet Witt 304 N.E. 4th		
1	Corey Wroble 828 N. Josephine		
1	Jennifer Kinyon		Heather Tara

The Diocese of South Dakota



The Right Reverend Craig B. Anderson

17 October 1985
Ignatius

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In recent months there has been a great deal of concern with regard to the AIDS epidemic that is sweeping the country. I share that concern with you and with others and call us to pray and work for an end to this terrible disease. To that end I have appointed Ray Loftness as a diocesan representative to a National Task Force on AIDS.

In addition to the pastoral concerns that we have for those persons who have AIDS, questions have been raised with regard to liturgical practices within the church, specifically, the use of the common cup or chalice and the reception of the Holy Communion in our churches. Given this concern, there are several points that need to be made:

1. There is no evidence whatsoever that AIDS can be transmitted through the common cup or chalice. The AIDS virus has been found in human saliva, but no case of the disease has been traced to saliva.
2. Some persons within the diocese have felt uneasy about continuing to use the chalice. While this is not a wide spread concern I know that there is some uneasiness and I fully understand this anxiety.
3. There are several methods for receiving Holy Communion that have been accepted over the centuries, and may be helpful. The practice of intinction, or dipping the wafer into the cup, is one of them. The preferred method for intinction is to hold the wafer until the administrator comes to you, allowing it to be taken from you, dipped in the cup, and returned to your tongue.
4. Since the bread and the wine are not separable; who receives one, receives the sacrament in its totality. Said differently reception in one kind (either the wafer or the cup), normally the wafer or the bread, is sacramentally complete reception. The practice of refusing the cup should not be undertaken lightly, however, even though it is permissible. There is powerful symbolism in our all partaking "of one bread and of one cup" in the Eucharist, both symbolizing our unity and making us one in the Risen Lord.

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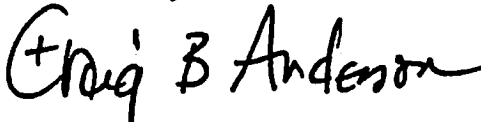
5. On a more personal note I will be continuing my normal Eucharistic practices exactly as before, since I do not think the evidence at this point necessitates any change.

Please know that I will follow carefully any new developments in this connection. I urge all of you to keep this matter in perspective, to allow each other freedom to follow a practice that suits us best, and to keep the Eucharist central in our worship.

A final theological note. I encourage all of us both personally and publicly to resist any suggestion, from whatever source, that AIDS is evidence of God's punishment for being gay. There is simply no justification for this position. Rather let us pray for the victims of AIDS and all who suffer holding fast to the hope of the resurrection that is promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Attached please find an article entitled, "Ethics of a New Disease" by Gene Copello. The paper gives basic facts and raises related ethical questions. For "clinical ethicist" read "pastor/priest/layperson".

In Christ,



The Right Reverend Craig B. Anderson
Bishop

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A PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE HOUSE OF BISHOPS

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

May the God of hope fill us with all
joy and peace in believing through
the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

We write at the end of an historic General Convention of the Episcopal Church. In September 1785 a small group of church members, lay and clergy, met in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to bring together a tiny church in a new land. Two hundred years later this 68th General Convention met to confront many problems and opportunities facing the Church in today's world.

Together we celebrated and gave thanks for the ministry in our midst of John Maury Allin, our Presiding Bishop, Chief Pastor, and Primate for the past twelve years.

We cast the mantle of that leadership on the Bishop of Hawaii, Edmond Lee Browning, who brings to the position of Presiding Bishop wide pastoral and administrative experience and a broad vision of the Church's international role. We joined daily in prayer and solemn deliberations on a wide range of issues. We welcomed the Archbishop of Canterbury, Robert Runcie, whose presence and preaching brought us close to sisters and brothers in the Anglican household around the world.

In this pastoral letter we wish to share with you something of the power of these moments. We are unanimous in believing that the words of Bishop Allin, Bishop Browning, and Archbishop Runcie are the best vehicle for conveying the vision, confidence and sense of the high calling to which God the Holy spirit has summoned us. We begin with portions of the address of Bishop Allin to a Joint Session of the General Convention on its first day of business. He calls it his "accumulated will and testament". Characteristically, he begins by calling us to listen to scripture, and then points to the major issue of our time, national security and the future of the global village. These are his words

"We are warned in the first epistle of St. Peter (5:8-9a):
'Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around
like a roaring lion, seeking whom to devour. Resist him, firm in
your faith'. In the devil are focused the powers of evil, the root

of pride, the idol of self-interest. Satan is aptly described as the subtlest of creatures, the master con artist, purveyor of the phony, god of untruth. The satanic goal is to substitute illusion for reality, and fear or distorted emotions for godly love.

"In the world today a concept called 'national security' has been allowed to become an earth-shadowing idol. Idols take many forms, subtle, seductive, alluring or ugly, always demanding sacrifices. Like all idols, national security has characteristics of illusion and irony. It is declared to be for human benefit while actually being a source of threat.

"Let it be noted clearly here that there needs to be adequate provision for a nation's security. The point is that the prevailing policies of the majority of nations are creating life-threatening idols and not security. The major result of these policies has been increasingly oppressive national debts. The resources of earth needed for the support and development of life and just living conditions among the peoples of earth are increasingly mortgaged for an illusive defense depending upon destructive weapons. The human race is suffering from a madness and idolatry.

"Travel the world, read newspapers, watch television, talk with the people of Central America, the Philippines, Korea, Thailand, Burma, India, Africa, the Middle East, Israel, Northern Ireland, Paris, London, New York, Detroit, Des Moines, Denver, San Francisco, Anaheim, as I have in recent months, and you find a commonality of concern for human need, for distribution of earth's resources for world peace. Meet and listen to representatives of churches, governments, business, labor, the professions, the poor in such places; and the cause and effect of violence, poverty, hunger, and oppressive systems are vividly defined. Leave people on every continent in 'garbage-heap' housing, overcrowded barrios, rat-infested slums and homeless on the streets, and you rob them of essential human dignity. Prevent enough human beings from tilling the earth, provide no opportunities for many human beings to earn a decent livelihood, add to the ranks of the unemployed increasing numbers of uneducated, unemployable, limit participation in production or service, and you have the virulent seeds of violent revolution. Fail to face the fact that no political or economic system and no national or international governmental leadership is effectively moving to relieve and redress the conditions of the unjust and destructive separation of multitudes from life resources, and you have seeds of anarchy. Stifle communication and you block channels to community and common security.

"In traveling about this country and around the world as your representative during the past twelve years, I have found much to encourage and strengthen my faith and conviction in the Christian mission. In the same travels I have encountered cynicism and despair among many people. While many express affectionate appreciation for the compassion and generosity of Americans and American churches, many also express doubt concerning American commitment to the ideals of democracy, human rights, liberty and justice for all. There is harsh, perceptive and penetrating criticism regarding some policies, both foreign, and domestic, of American government, business and labor. The sad truth is that the American image of a great democratic republic and generous good neighbor has become overshadowed in the sight of many of the world's population by the image of a bully, preoccupied with profits and self-protection. Ironically, by citizens in many small countries, the U.S.A. is twinned with the U.S.S.R. Both are seen as exporters of arms, manipulators of world markets and resources, and inhibitors of fair trade exchange with third world nations.

"We Americans have a tendency to become irritated, even angry, when we receive such criticism, feeling it unfair. Although traditionally a fair minded reasonable nation, we often tend to stop listening to critics and become defensive. We may yet have to learn that it is not what we intend to say or project that we have to explain, but it is what we are heard to say or perceived to be that demands our accountability.

"So let us respectfully say to the President of the United States and to all our fellow citizens, that it is now of crucial importance that we lower the volume of our ideological rhetoric and that we listen carefully to the representative voices from around the world, especially the suffering, the oppressed and the poor, and that we do so without becoming unduly defensive.

"I believe the only defense and security, nationally or internationally, against destructive chain-reactive forces of injustice and poverty already activating violence and terror around the world is a new humanitarian offensive, more imaginative than an Alliance for Progress, more extensive than the Marshall Plan. Such an initiative the U.S.S.R would be pressed to imitate and exposed in opposing. I believe the United States of America has the talent and ability, the imagination and moral integrity, the spirit and faith and compassion to incorporate our national ideals in an offer of justice and better living to nations of the world that they can't refuse.

"I do not believe that the Christian mission is to establish an earthly utopia, an ideal political state. I do believe the Christian mission can restore a scale of values and the significance of service. The question is: How do we reach, encourage and engage every member of this church in self-offering service?

"Rename or redefine Christian ministry if you must, there is no substitute for a direct line of service to those in need. Measure the commitment of this church in every place by the number of our members directly engaged in service.

"Do you and your congregation know first hand the conditions of the schools, the hospitals and clinics, the mental health facilities, the prisons and 'half-way houses', the homes for the aged in your city or town? Are you feeding the hungry, finding shelters for the homeless, providing a voice for the voiceless, advocacy for the defenseless, information for the uninformed, guidance for the bewildered?

"In our congregations, I have found a willingness to offer 'second -mile' services to those who cannot afford them. Consider the talent and resources for legal services, health clinics, tutoring, music and art centers and other beneficial offerings that could be made available in our properties by church members and allies., ecumenical and otherwise. We have many good models in the Church, many in our Jubilee Centers, relieving functional illiteracy and aiding the under-educated to develop useful skills. I call your attention to the great need for volunteers for mission, at home and abroad. Our people are asking: 'What can I do in mission and how can I do it?' This question faces every diocese, every congregation, every member of the Church.

"Membership in the faith community of the Christian Church logically and theologically is expected to be an affirmation that Jesus of Nazareth is Christ the Lord. To each member of this Church is addressed the question: 'What think ye of Christ'? Some have yet to answer.

"Is Jesus the only-begotten Son of God? Is his gospel to be preached to all nations and to the uttermost? Did Jesus offer his life for all or just those chosen for church membership?

"Not every Christian is skilled in preaching the gospel. Yet every Christian can know the gospel, keep the Lord's company, tell the Lord's story, serve in the Lord's spirit, and be moved by his love to love others.

"That, sisters and brothers, is the raison d'etre of the Church, and if not, then we are here under an assumed name."

In these words, our Presiding Bishop has voiced once again themes which have characterized the twelve years of his ministry in this office. In season and out, he has summoned the church to mission. As the most widely traveled occupant of the office to date, he has shared a global vision of the human family and the Church's ministry of reconciliation. This meeting of the House of Bishops has included more than twenty Bishops from Latin America, Africa and South East Asia. Their fellowship and participation are a tangible witness to the multitudes of whom the Presiding Bishop has spoken so compassionately. He has thereby called us to a unity which extends around the globe. He has moved us by the transparency of his own love of the Lord Christ and devotion to the Church. We salute him.

In this spirit we now call every member of the Church to a renewed sense of our high calling. It is only a failure of vision and of hope which will prevent the Christian Church to gather men and women into a community which is itself called to be a promise of a new humanity. We, your bishops, pledge to you our leadership in that task. That is the role to which you have called and God has ordained us. We pledge to our colleague the new Presiding Bishop our support and our fellowship with him in his special ministry. We believe it is time to put aside lesser concerns to move to the high ground of our catholic and apostolic heritage.

On the Sunday of the Convention, delegates and visitors filled to overflowing the 8,000 seat Anaheim Convention Center auditorium. There, at the Convention Eucharist, women of the Church presented this year's United Thank Offering which amounted to \$2,802,697.96. There, the Archbishop of Canterbury called us to a vision of our solidarity with one another, with sister churches in the Anglican Communion and with the whole body of Christ.

Here in part is what he said. He, too, begins with a reference to scripture.

" I have found myself wondering what St. Paul would say were he writing a letter to this Convention. He would, I am sure, address you on some aspect of the building up of the body of Christ".

"The Christian Church today exists in many different cultures, and the gospel is proclaimed with the aid of many different philosophies, but it is not to be identified with any of them. For the churches that means discovering what is a legitimate and life-giving diversity. But it also means never losing sight of that common positive Catholic faith which all Christian churches share. In the early Church there were wide difference in theology and usage, but there was a strong sense of common tradition which kept the churches together in unity and mission. Today that means listening not just to other members of our own communion but to the voice of the ecumenical movement as it tries to move beyond merely denominational positions. An international fellowship of churches is more likely to be self-correcting than one that never looks beyond its own boundaries".

"Our Anglican Communion shares both the tension and the hope. We have developed into a world-wide family of churches. Today there are 70 million members of what is arguably the second most widely distributed body of Christians. No longer are we identified by having some kind of English heritage. English is today the second language of the Communion. There are more black members than white. Our local diversities span the spectrum of the world's races, needs and aspirations. We have only to think of Bishop Tutu's courageous witness in South Africa to be reminded that we are no longer a church of the white middle-classes allied only to the prosperous western world".

"But amid such a diversity how do we come to a common mind? We possess no rigid confessional basis, nor have we the kind of magisterium which solves our problems by pre-emptive pronouncement. History has set the see of Canterbury at the centre of our Anglican unity but its role is to gather the family not to rule it. Much therefore depends on what I can only describe as a 'sense of Catholic solidarity.'

"The wisdom and love of Christ are given to us. It is not the mark of a Christian to be for ever asserting personal opinions. Within the community of faith we listen, share and are deepened and opened to the will of God, and are changed into his likeness. In the end, we belong to the whole Catholic Church of God which has a breadth and an enduring strength greater than that of any individual or particular church. it is this 'sense of solildarity' which has allowed the Church through the ages to deal with great questions in order that it get on with its chief task of witness, mission and service."

Later in the week, Bishop Browning addressed the Convention to accept the call to serve as Presiding Bishop. He roused us by his response to that call for solidarity among us as Christians.

"My sisters and brothers in Christ," he said, "bound to you in the bond of baptism, I accept with a full heart and a genuine humility your election to serve this church as its 24th Presiding Bishop."

He then went on to paraphrase St. Augustine, in a sermon in which the latter spoke to the people of Hippo on the anniversary of his consecration:

"What I am for you terrifies me. What I am with you consoles me. For you I am your Presiding Bishop. But with you I am a Christian. The former is a fate of duty; the latter, one of grace. The former is a danger, the latter salvation."

"As we walk this journey together, let our love for one another be the source that heals our wounds, seeks the truth of the Gospel, nurtures our souls and leads us into a common witness of hope to a troubled, dangerous and broken world, bringing to it a message of a new creation, and a new humanity through the resurrection of Christ Jesus."

AMEN.

The remarks of the Presiding Bishop quoted are portions of his address to a Joint Session of the Convention on Sept. 7, 1985. The quotations from the Archbishop of Canterbury are excerpts from his sermon at the Holy Eucharist on the 15th Sunday after Pentecost, Sept. 8th. The brief statement and prayer are from the address accepting his election as Presiding Bishop on Sept. 12th. We commend the full text of each to the church

Canon III 14: 2(f)

"Whenever the House of Bishops shall put forth a Pastoral Letter, it shall be the duty of every Member of the Clergy having a Pastoral charge to read it to his Congregation on some occasion of public worship on a Lord's Day, or to cause copies of the same to be distributed to the members of his Parish or Congregation, not later than one month after the receipt of the same.



DECEMBER

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

1
10:00 Sun. Sch.
11:00 Morning
Prayer
12:00 Coffee

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10:00 Sun. Sch.
11:00 Morning
Prayer
12:00 Coffee

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Diocesan Council
Meeting
Dexter House
2:00 p.m.

15
10:00 Sun. Sch.
11:00 Morning Prayer
12:00 Coffee
TV Drawing

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Guild 7:00

11:00 Sunday School
Christmas Program

22
11:00 Morning Prayer
12:00 Coffee

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Christmas Eve
Service
10:45 p.m.

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29
11:00 Morning Prayer
12:00 Coffee

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Have a
Joyous Holiday
Season!

