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When I was a boy, my grandmother spent some time each week on family correspondence, exchanging letters with relatives in her native England. She was a marvelous storyteller and I imagine that her letters were rich with reports of life in the United States and the activities of her husband and two sons.

In my lifetime, I watched as my mother wrote less and relied more on the telephone to report family activities and keep in touch with friends and relatives in distant cities. With the popularity of email, the tide changed again and we are back to writing. I receive regular notes and photos through my computer, keeping me current on the activities of my children and grandchildren.

I have been thinking about family correspondence as Monty Stanford addresses each of our diocesan synods on the matter of communications. It is important for our church family to know what is happening in our various parishes and missions. It helps us to remember that the church is more than our local congregation. We can share in one another's joys and successes. We can learn from someone else's ideas. In our far-flung province, communication strengthens our unity.

Christus Rex is the vehicle for our family correspondence and so relies on each congregation for local information. It is important for all of us to know what each of us is doing. Please make sure that your parish or mission sends articles and photographs on a regular basis. I hope that Christus

Rex will be less of a newsletter and more like a family letter – correspondence – communicating our life as a part of the family of God.

I look forward to your active participation.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
The Most Rev. James E. Provence



Archbishop Provence baptizes James Tomlinson being held by his father Jon during the Diocese of the Western States Synod.

Tornado in Colorado

On May 22 the Church of the Ascension in Windsor, Colorado, suffered some damage from a tornado. More information will be posted on the APCK web site as soon as possible.

Parishioner Profile:

Christine Sunderland

Christine Sunderland is a member of St. Thomas's Anglican Church in San Francisco. She serves as Church Schools Director for the APCK as well as Vice President of the American Church Union (ACU), the provincial publishing house.

Prior to joining St. Thomas's, Christine and her husband Harry were members of St. Peter's in Oakland, CA. In 1996 they transferred to St. Thomas's with their three grandchildren to help start a Sunday School.

But as early as 1967, Christine returned to Christianity. "I was twenty when C. S. Lewis's *Mere Christianity* convinced me that Jesus Christ was the Son of God," she says. "Because Lewis was Anglican, I visited St. Mathew's in San Mateo and fell in love with the liturgy." Years later, she found St. Peter's Church in the Yellow Pages where they listed times for confession. On her first Sunday, in January 1977, the parish voted unanimously to leave ECUSA.

Christine taught Sunday School at St. Peter's and, in 1982, then Bishop Morse asked her to develop a curriculum for APCK parishes. "I looked for something already published, but found little that was both orthodox and appropriate for our congregations." So she and Bishop Morse worked to prepare the first curriculum.

Today, the American Church Union offers a three-year program of Sunday lessons. "The ACU *Church School Series* is meant to be a core outline, easy to teach to a multi-graded class, age 3 through 6th Grade," Christine says. Booklets on crafts, Confirmation instruction, program setups, and pageant scripts are also available.

Last year Christine's first novel, *Pilgrimage*, was published by Capstone Fiction. Set in Italy in the present day, this story of healing looks at questions of belief, the history of the Church, the lives of saints and martyrs, the mysteries of relics and sacraments, and the union of body and soul. Sequels await publication: *Offerings*, set in France, and *Inheritance*, set in England, also with apologetic themes. A fourth novel, *The Question of Sacrifice*, set in Hawaii, considers man's quest for meaning.

Christine began writing novels because she believed "there is great need for literary fiction that explores the nature of belief. Today's 'Christian

fiction' is largely genre fiction – romance, mystery, etc. I'd like to see stories that tackle vital questions about the true nature of man."

You can learn more about Christine and her writing, as well as view a video of her discussing *Pilgrimage*, at the web sites listed below.



Photo by Brittany Sunderland

(Brittany is one of Christine's grandchildren. She is now twenty years old.)

Web Site URLs:

Christine Sunderland:

<http://www.christinesunderland.com/>

This web site has an excerpt from the Prologue and Chapter One of Christine's novel as well as reader comments. A brief autobiography and form for contacting Christine by email is also at this web site.

Capstone Fiction:

http://www.capstonefiction.com/Christine_Sunderland.html

This web site has a video clip of Christine describing her novel *Pilgrimage*.

American Church Union:

<http://anglicanpck.org/resources/acu/index.html>

In addition to curriculum materials, the ACU also makes available other instructional materials on the faith, including the Rev. Dr. Paul Russell's *The Apostle's Creed*.

St. Charles, King and Martyr, Anglican Church

The Synod of the Diocese of the Southern States was hosted this year in Huntsville, Alabama, by St. Charles Anglican Church.

St. Charles began in 1978 when about 15 parishioners began meeting as a house church in Huntsville under the lay leadership of James Clark. Clark was ordained priest in 1983 and became the first rector of St. Charles. The church met for several years in temporary spaces, including an abandoned filling station and a former dry cleaner.

In 1982 a local philanthropist, who was not a member of the church, donated land and \$50,000 to build the new church building. Although they hired a general contractor, parishioners did most of the actual work on the building. Construction was completed in about 18 months and the first service was held in the beautiful new building in June, 1983.

Fr. Clark was consecrated Bishop in 1990 and was elected Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Southern States. He continued as Rector of St. Charles and retired as Bishop in 2002. The Rev. V. Leslie McAbee was called as Rector in 2001.

St. Charles has a very active ACW led by President Alberta Babcock. The ACW sponsors the annual parish picnic in September, a yard sale in June and other fund raising activities.

St. Charles supports the missionary work of Fr. Hicks and his wife Vicki in Sierra Leone through the Nazareth House Apostolate. <http://www.nazarethhouseap.org>

The St. Charles web site contains Charlie's Blog, maintained by Deacon George Specht, which has the hymns and propers for Sunday services as well as links to other interesting web sites.

Sung Mass is celebrated on Sunday at 10:00 a.m. with Sunday School. Low Mass is celebrated on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 7:00 a.m. and on Wednesday at 12:00 noon.



St. Charles, King and Martyr, Anglican Church, Huntsville, Alabama (APCK Staff Photo)

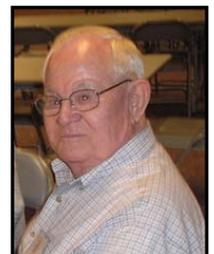


The beautiful Stations of the Cross were made by an artist who was a parishioner and funded by another parishioner. (APCK Staff Photo)

Visit the St. Charles web site at www.stcharlesapck.org.

Thanks to parishioner Jim Conner for providing much of the historical information about St. Charles.

(Photo from St. Charles web site)



Synod News

Three Diocesan Synods were held in April and May. The Annual Synod of the Diocese of the Southern States was hosted by St. Charles Anglican Church, Huntsville, Alabama, April 22-24.

The Annual Synod of the Western States Diocese was hosted by St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church, Woodinville, Washington, April 24-26.

The Annual Synod of the Diocese of the Eastern States (DES) was hosted by All Saints Anglican Church in Bollingbrook, Illinois, May 7-9.

Archbishop Provence recently designated All Saints Church to be the administrative center for the Eastern Diocese. The Archbishop appointed Father John Hines (All Saints Rector) to be the diocesan administrator and Father Blair Schultz (Assistant Priest) to manage the corporate affairs of the diocese.

Among other customary business, Christ the King parish, Georgetown, Maryland, was transferred from the former arch-diocese and received back into the DES. At the National meeting in January, Archbishop Provence proclaimed the parish of Christ the King to be the Provincial Cathedral.

Clergy Marriages

Congratulations to our APCK clergy who have been sacramentally on the other side of the altar rail recently.

Ashley Elizabeth Hoag and The Rev. Matthew Lee Weber married on April 12th at St. Peter's Anglican Church, Oakland, California, with The Most Reverend James E. Provence officiating.



*Fr. and Mrs. Matthew Weber
(Photo courtesy of Fr. Weber)*

Archbishop Provence also officiated at the marriage of The Rev. Paul Shepherd and Erin Culbreath at Saint Aidan's Anglican Church, Colorado Springs, Colorado, on December 1, 2007.



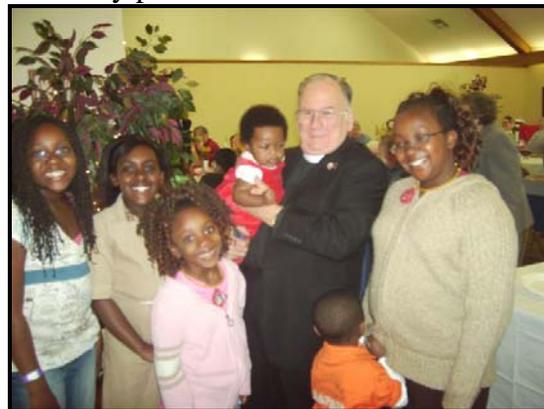
*Fr. and Mrs. Paul Shepard
(Photo by reflectionsphotography.com)*

On May 17, The Rev. Leslie McAbee and Andrea Smith were joined in holy matrimony at St. Charles Anglican Church, Huntsville, Alabama, with the Rt. Rev. William Wiygul officiating.

Parish News

St. Nicholas Church in Scottsdale, AZ, and **Church of the Atonement** in Fountain Hills, AZ, are planning to host a joint Vacation Bible School from July 21st through July 24th on the theme of "The Creed." Members from both churches are eager to work together on this joint project.

The winning essay in the first period of the Junior Writers' Contest was written by Gloria Ughamadu of the **Church of the Holy Cross**, Oklahoma City. With 100% of the Church School participating, **Holy Cross** also won an additional monetary prize.



From left to right: Junior Writers' Contest Winner Gloria Ughamadu with Obiageri Ananaba, Tiffany Ughamadu, Fr. Miley holding unidentified child, Emilia Ughamadu, small child standing unidentified. (Photo by Yvonne Carpenter)

St. Dorothy's Rest Retreat

The Retreat at St. Dorothy's Rest, near Sebastopol, California, was held February 29-March 2 this year. The Retreat featured meditations on readings from the Book of Ezekiel led by Canon David Rodier of Christ Church, Carefree, Arizona.

Other clergy who participated were Fr. Stephen Dart, Christ Church, Carefree, and Fr. Matthew Weber, St. Joseph of Arimathea, Berkeley, California. Three seminarians attended the Retreat with 19 laity from Arizona, California, and Nevada.



(Left to right) Tracy Belt, Jon Kittrell, Nicholas Reddick, Jordan Parr, Fr. Matthew Weber, Canon David Rodier, Alvin Johnson, Deborah Stanford, Peter Towle, Thomas Kroger, David LaBarbera, Zach Johnson, Sueva Perry, Ched Eckert, Blake Schwendiman, Unidentified Guest, Monty Stanford, Elaine Wong Moal, Fr. Stephen Dart.

DWS ACW Raises Funds with Diocese Quilt Project

In conjunction with the DWS Synod, the ACW sponsored a quilting project and drawing. The quilt was made of squares contributed by each of the parishes in the diocese. Each parish chose its own theme for its square. The center square of the quilt contains the shield of the seminary, the St. Joseph of Arimathea Anglican Theological College, representing the central place of the seminary in the life of the Diocese and Province.



(Left to right) George Gordon, Salud Gordon, Kathy Webb, President, ACW of the Diocese of the Western States. (APCK Staff Photo)

The drawing, which collected \$2,955, was won by Salud and George Gordon, parishioners at St. Peter's, Oakland, California.

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Calendar of Events

- ⊕ Diocese of the Southwestern States Synod, June 18-20, All Saints Pro-cathedral, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
- ⊕ Junior Writers Program entries due, June 30. For more information see <http://anglicanpck.org/news/index.html>
- ⊕ St. David's Summer Youth Camp, June 22-27, near Auburn, California. Contact Fr. Davis - rector@stlukesredding.org
- ⊕ Diocese of the Western States Family Camp, July 10-13, at Patrick's Point State Park, California. Contact Jon Tomlinson - jt0968@yahoo.com

Visit Your Provincial Web Site

The APCK Provincial web site is available on the internet at <http://www.anglicanpck.org>.

The web site has a wealth of news and information about the APCK, as well as links to the St. Joseph of Arimathea Anglican Theological College (our seminary in Berkeley, CA) and the American Church Union, which publishes Church School curricula, readings for young people, and theological materials. Over the next few months, the web site will be modified to provide easier access to more information on a timely basis.

Summer Youth Camp

The St. David's Summer Youth Camp will be held from Sunday afternoon, June 22, through Friday mid-morning, June 27, at the Community of the Great Commission east-northeast of Auburn, California. The site is a beautiful spot in the Sierra Nevada Mountains at about 4000 feet in elevation.

If you are interested in helping with the camp or would like to have applications or more information, contact Fr. Robert Davis at St. Luke's, 530-223-0513 or rector@stlukesredding.org

Family Camp

The Second Annual Diocese of the Western States Family Camp will be Thursday, July 10, through Sunday, July 13, at Patrick's Point State Park, in the California Redwoods near Eureka. Expect hikes, trips to the beach, children's activities, fun snacks, games, music, and more.