



The Shepherd's Staff

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The Bishop's 2022 Synod Address

There are a lot of us in this room who remember the vibrant spirit of the early days of the Diocese of Christ the King back in late 1970s. We were so confident and enthusiastic! We were so imbued with the Holy Ghost in our march out into the desert! We felt invincible! Bishop Hansen, Dean Napier and I were among the first men studying for orders who were sent out to help establish footholds in enemy territory. I remember so many warriors in the Lord's army who sacrificed that we might have what we now have. I remember dear Canon Dodd who flew every week from San Francisco to San Diego; Canon Francis Read who forged our canons and Canon Boardman Reed who helped found Saint Augustine's Chico and our host parish for this Synod, Saint Luke's Redding. I remember Bishop Morse's "medicine shows" all over the continental United States. And of course, the medicine he was taking was the values and disciplines that the Episcopal Church (and so many other churches) had thrown away as they clung to the flesh pots of Egypt.

In 2022, the Diocese of the Western States has grown to twenty-three parishes, missions, and chapels. We have been more in number but I believe never more successful. We own more than half of our parish properties; we are stable financially and the spirit of Bishop Morse is very much alive. We know that we must continue that which the devil wants us to abandon, the Faith once delivered to the Saints. Covid and the irrational fear it brought was and is one more tool of the old deceiver. But so is ABC Theology (Attendance, Buildings, Cash) along with envy, malice and uncharitableness. (And make no mistake: those last three are the Quislings in our ranks and the ranks of all faithful Christians. There is no self-righteousness more harmful than that which pretends to help others.

And don't be fooled. The devil's most effective weapon is despair. The challenges we have faced long before the passing of Archbishop Morse into paradise in 2015 have been devised by the minions of Lucifer to make us believe that we are dying – dying out and making no difference. So why is it then that so many parishes which have few or no children continue successfully on with only the fifty and older crowd? I will tell you why! It is because they bring into the sheepfold in every generation older folks while evangelizing young and old alike. They live the Charity our Blessed Saviour taught us and administer the Sacraments. Whatever their age, all people are afraid to die and so young and old, rich and poor: men, women and children need to hear that they are loved by their Father in heaven as if each one was their Father's only child.

As a Bishop, I often hear argued the merits of auricular confession in the presence of a priest and the General Confession during the Daily Offices and the Mass. Which is superior is not the point because what God wants is a humble spirit in His children. *The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.* [Psalm 51 v. xvii] Bishop Mitchell and I chose a Mass of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ for the Pontifical Mass this afternoon for this very reason. So listen carefully to the lessons which are meant to help us to understand that passion does not only mean physical suffering but also "hanging in there" (patience) and that we, grateful for Jesus's sufferings for us, suffer for and are patient with our brothers and sisters. *For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust* [1 St. Peter iii].

I often say that Bishop Morse is looking down upon us – smiling. He is smiling because we are continuing in the Spirit; because we have traversed the desert and have crossed Jordan; but mostly because we have been faithful and true to what our Blessed Saviour has taught us. Our Mission Statement must always be to boldly preach the Faith of Christ crucified, to never (never, never, never) give up and to love our brothers and sisters as much as ourselves. Hear also what Saint John saith. *If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the Propitiation for our sins.* [1 St. John ii. 1, 2].





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The Bishop Morse Youth Camp - Camp in Suspension until 2023: (Bishop Mitchell and Erin Salazar)

Diocesan Anglican Church Women: Mrs. Gillian Golden, Saint Jude's, Grants Pass, Oregon (President)

And at the Diocese of the Atlantic States Synod

Bishop Benton Elwood Jones delivered this address

Yes, you are distinguished and are extremely reverent, obedient, and humble in your service to God and to His Son, and to your parishes, and to your diocese, and to the province. You should give yourselves a round of applause, or rather a standing ovation!! Actually, whether you realize it or not, you serve as a very important link in the diocese. For the past couple of days, you have participated in a fervent prayer life, and as well, in the different meetings and functions of this synod. I have seen the joy in your visiting with one another, catching up on the latest, laughing and joking with each other, and yes, working together in the furtherance of God's Kingdom here on earth, the Church. Through your participation, you will now return to your respective parishes if you will, as messengers. Let's recall for a few minutes the duties of Christ's disciples from the Gospel according to St. Luke.

"For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom have committed much, of him they will ask the more." (Luke 12:48b.) It is interesting to note that when the phrase 'the more' is translated from the original Greek, it means superabundant, in number, degree, or character. Now, it is this superabundance of character that interests us the most. You are probably thinking, how in the world is this remotely reflective of my attending synod. Here is the explanation. *"For unto whomsoever much is given"* is reflective of what you have received during this time together. You have participated in a life of prayer both personal and corporate and have been strengthened through this prayer life in how it relates to the growth and strengthening of your parish, to the betterment of welcoming those who are lost and wandering to God's Church.

You will have participated in four days of Chapel life with the daily offices and a daily Mass, which leads to your formation. Now to explain, the process of formation is that of becoming more and more like Christ, growing in union with Him, taking on his mind, and sharing in his sacrificial gift. It is a process of regeneration, one leading to the perfection of charity. The prayer life in which we have participated in for the past few days is reflective of what we do during the Summer Session at the Seminary in Berkeley. As well, we have received quite a bit of knowledge and understanding in the workshops on 'Church Growth' and 'First Impressions.'

"Of him shall be much required." In the Sermon on the Mount we learn that *"neither do we light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."* (Matthew 5:15-16.) Now you will take this knowledge and understanding of what you have gained through your formation and your participation in the workshops back to your parishes. You will be excited to pass along this information and to aid in the development within your parish a plan of action in order to present your parish as a welcoming, loving, God-fearing 'house of Worship.'

"And to whom have committed much." God has called you in attendance to this synod to draw closer and closer to the image of His Son, our Saviour Christ, because He is that perfect image of His Heavenly Father, in order to project that image to all who would listen to you. You'll be encouraged and challenged by *Ezekiel 3:10-11*. I invite you to meditate on these verses during your prayer time. In these verses, the Lord instructs Ezekiel to take his word to heart and then to share it with the Jewish exiles in Babylon, where Ezekiel was himself an exile. God told him to speak, *"whether they listen or not"*. In other words, Ezekiel's calling was to be faithful, not successful. In the same way, God calls us to be good stewards, meaning we are to utilize and manage all of the teachings and resources that He provides for His glory and to the betterment of His creation. *"Of him they will ask more."* You will be that superabundant source because you will have produced fruits acceptable to the Lord. This is the result of being a prayerful community. God depends on those who are faithful. *"For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance."* (Matthew 25:29.) Never forget: God doesn't call us to be successful (in a worldly sense) or to be prideful and arrogant, but to be faithful; faithful to Him, faithful to the Truth of His Word, and faithful to the calling that He has afforded us.

So, if we could do one thing to get one more person to join us for worship next Sunday, what would that be? God Bless you all for being faithful in your attendance and most of all for your participation in this synod, because being in attendance and participating are two completely different behaviors. Please pray for the healing, the recovery, and the rehabilitation of the Archbishop and his wife, Madge. They have both told me that they greatly appreciate your prayers and concerns. They both send their love to each and every one of you, and they look forward to being back with you in the very near future. Please pray for Bishop Schultz and that he would recover from his oral surgery and that God will restore his health and strength. He asked that I pass along his regards to everyone and that he looks forward to seeing you either on a visitation or during next year's synod. Please pray for our clergy, especially for Fr. Koon and Fr. Talabi, pray for our parishes, for our diocese, for the Diocese of the Western States, the Diocese of the Southwestern States, and the province as a faithful witness to *"contend for the faith that was once delivered unto the saints."* (Jude 3b.) and most of all, pray for God's forgiveness and redemption that He won victoriously for each and every one of us through His Son on the hard wood of the Cross.

Saint Joseph's Anglican Theological Seminary

Summer Session

St. Joseph of Arimathea Anglican Theological College will again be hosting an intensive Summer Seminary Session on its campus at Berkeley, California, from Monday, July 18th through Friday, July 29th, 2022. The Summer Seminary Session attempts to immerse participants in a typical course of study that would be experienced in a residential Seminary environment replete with corporate worship, instruction, daily Eucharist, and spiritual formation. The morning and afternoon classes may also be taken on the Zoom Platform.

Our day begins with Morning Prayer in the Chapel followed by instruction from 10:00 a.m. to noon. During the first week, Father Dr. Paul Russell will lead students and faculty through the Book of Revelation. The text will be ***The Apocalypse, The Perennial Revelation of Jesus Christ*** by Eugenio Corsini who provides a continuous reading of the *Apocalypse* with special emphasis on its links to the Old Testament. During the second week, Bishop Ben Jones will teach his Spiritual Discernment class, a class vital for those seeking Holy Orders. After the noon mass, there is a break for lunch and personal errands. From 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., Bishop Scott Mitchell will teach a class on Pastoral Ministry (strongly encouraged for younger by date of ordination) clergy during the first week and Father Matt Weber will teach a class on the 1940 Hymnal and its Use during the second week. Each day will conclude with Sung Evensong in the Chapel.

Participants will be lodged in the Seminary for the two-week session. There are many inexpensive venues where participants can dine during their stay at the Seminary. Saturday is usually free during the Summer Session, though there is a standing invitation for an evening meal that day. On Sundays participants are expected to visit one of the local APCK parishes in the area for Sunday Mass. **Applications will be sent after June first.** To ensure your registration is processed, send your email address to Bishop Ben Jones at bishop.benjones@gmail.com

Fall Session

The Fall Session is set to begin the last week of August and the following classes will be offered.

- Bishop Peter F. Hansen will be teaching a series on Dogmatic Theology I and II, during the fall and spring terms, on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time. This overview of Christian Theology will be on nature and the supernatural, miracles, what is our authority for our claims to truth; the Creeds, Episcopacy, and the Great Councils, the Bible, God's attributes and apologetic proofs for His existence; the Trinity and study of His Persons; Creation and man, Salvation and free will. Semester II will focus on the Incarnation, Christology, His Passion, Resurrection, and Exaltation; the Church as the Body of Christ, God's Spirit in mankind, Grace and Sacraments; and the Eschatological study of End times, Judgment, the General Resurrection, and Eternal Life. The required texts are Francis J. Hall's Dogmatic Theology 10-book series Dogmatic Theology (American Church Union) or the same text republished in two volumes: *Anglican Dogmatics: Francis J. Hall's Dogmatic Theology: Volume I and II (Nashotah House Press)* available at Amazon.
- Bishop Ashman will continue second year ***World History and Religion*** beginning with ***The Americas after 1750***. There will be two independent (take one or the other or both) sections on Tuesdays, at 11:00 a.m. and at 5:00 p.m., Pacific Time. Note that, although this class is a continuation of last year's classes, there is no prerequisite or textbook needed for this course. The laity are especially invited to audit this course.
- Due to popular demand, the seminar in ***Historical Homiletics*** will add a second semester set of 15 lessons (16-30) on Mondays at 11:00 a.m., Pacific Time.
- ***Second Year Latin*** will be taught on Fridays at 9:30 a.m., Pacific Time and will continue to use *A Primer of Ecclesiastical Latin* by John F. Collins, available at Amazon.
- ***Fourth Year Greek*** (Reading the Greek Bible) will be taught on Fridays at 11:00 a.m., Pacific Time and will continue to use *A Primer of Biblical Greek* by N. Clayton Croy and teacher created materials.
- ***First Year Greek*** which will be offered on Monday or Friday afternoon. Don't be afraid. You can do it.

From the College of Bishops

The Council of Bishops of the Anglican Province of Christ the King wants to be transparent and share with the clergy and laity of the Province that Archbishop Upham has been battling health complications stemming from bladder cancer surgery which (Deo gratias) was successful (he is cancer free). The major complications are the infections which have resulted from the Archbishop's rigorous schedule over the last twelve months. Thus Archbishop Upham is in a period of recovery which will last until sometime between All Saints' Day and Christmas. During that time, send any inquiries or messages to the next senior bishop of the Council, Bishop Ashman (Bishop Ordinary of the Western States (bishopashman@gmail.com - 818-749-8139). Please be assured that confidentiality will be honored and respected.

The Right Reverend Donald M. Ashman, Bishop of the Diocese of the Western States

The Right Reverend Blair W. Schultz, Coadjutor Bishop, Atlantic States and Secretary of the Council

The Right Reverend Peter F. Hansen, Coadjutor Bishop, Western States and Episcopal Visitor, Southwestern States

The Right Reverend Ben E. Jones, Bishop Suffragan, Diocese of the Atlantic States

The Right Reverend Scott D. Mitchell, Bishop Suffragan, Diocese of the Western States

The Parish of Saint Mark, Portland

The Vestry of St. Mark's is formally issuing an invitation for experienced priest to apply for the office of rector. The beautiful Parish of St Mark has been a center for Anglo-Catholic worship in Northwest Portland since 1890. Modeled on the Basilica of St Zeno in Verona, its Romanesque Revival architecture coupled with a magnificent Werner Bosch organ makes it a truly special space to worship and realize the full expression of sacramental worship in the historic Anglo-Catholic tradition. The Vestry and Parishioners of St Mark are looking for a Rector loyal to our Anglo-Catholic roots to lead our parish. The salary will be commensurate with the position. Candidates already ordained or licensed to serve in our diocese the Anglican Province of Christ the King (APCK) are encouraged to apply, as are potential candidates in communion with the APCK. Requirements are:

- Believe in the authority and sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures as set for in Article VI of the Articles of Religion in the 1928 Book of Common Prayer
- Have command and understanding of the liturgy and liturgical style and traditions of St. Mark including the ability to sing, chant and conduct High Mass (music is extremely important at St Marks!) and deliver homilies relevant to parishioners' daily lives.
- Have demonstrated effective managerial and administrative skills including the ability to collaborate and work with our diverse Vestry members, Parish family and volunteers of traditional Anglican guilds.
- Conduct himself in accordance with the By-Laws of The Parish of St. Mark as well as the Canons of the Anglican Province of Christ the King.
- See pastoral care and compassion as an integral part of his duties; comfortable with visitations to home or hospital.
- Be an active and willing participant in community and parishioner outreach programs with an openness to new ideas and desire to strengthen the overall Continuing Movement through rapport with other Anglican parishes. Our new Rector must take initiative and interest in growing the congregation through community outreach, service, and visibility while retaining current church members through programs for both youth and adult members such as religious education, speakers, book clubs and Bible study, in addition to regular Sunday Services.
- Our parishioners come from varied backgrounds and life experiences, so our new Rector needs to have an open mind and open door policy.

If you are interested in applying for the position please send a cover letter and resume via email or mail to Senior Warden Ken Dyar no later than June 30, 2022.

Ken Dyar, Senior Warden
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Portland, OR 97209
kendyar@comcast.net

The Fire Brigades

Since mid-January, priests and deacons from the Diocese of the Western States have been traveling to Saint Marks to ensure regular Sunday Mass. The Bishop wants to thank Fathers La Barbera (Grants Pass), Father Dan Canda (Denver), Father Dellinger (Washington), Father Mautner (Oakland), Bishop Mitchell (Redding) of the Western States along with three ACA priests, Father Varnas, Canon Hawkins and Father Hart. Father Hart has served at the Episcopal Heritage Church in Washington D.C.

And for two years now Bishop Mitchell and Deacon Lawrence of Redding along with the Coadjutor and Ordinary have helped to cover St. Bartholomew's in Woodinville, WA. The two parish heroes has been the lay readers Mr. Larry Talbott and Mr. Rick Gregory who has been approved to take his exams for the Diaconate.



At right: Lay Reader and Acolyte Leo Conner on the Bishop's visit on May 15 after the Synod in Redding

ACW Notes, June 2022

June is here, and the 31st Synod and ACW Conference has come and gone. St. Luke's, Redding did an outstanding job of hosting the Synod, and while the serious business part, which is the reason for the Synod in the first place, was successfully completed, we also had amazing hospitality, from the barbecue at the Skinner's home on Tuesday to the Jefferson Pipe Band at the banquet on Friday. A good time was had by all!

The ladies of St. Luke's ACW worked incredibly hard to contribute to this success. They supplied several items for the ACW drawings, made the table decorations and supplied prizes for the ACW Luncheon, waited table and cleaned up after the Clergy and Clergy Wives Dinner, manned the Hospitality Room and helped wherever they were needed. We offer them a huge vote of thanks.

The ACW Conference demonstrated that, although most branches have been relatively inactive for the last two years, we have been able to contribute funds to Bishop Morse Youth Camp and to St. Joseph of Arimathea Seminary. We hope that with increased activity this year, we will be able to contribute more. Giti Hansen gave us a fascinating insight into the growth of Christianity in Iran with her talk entitled 'The Magi's Star Returns to Persia'. She outlined the history of Persia, and its connection to the Jews and Jerusalem. The Magi, from Persia, were the first gentiles to worship Christ, and Persian-speaking Jews heard the apostles proclaim the Gospel on the day of Pentecost, leading to the birth of the church in Iran. However, Mohammed conquered the Middle East in the 7th Century AD, and Islam became the mandatory state religion. Giti was born in Iran, and was brought up as a Moslem, but came to America, and converted to Christianity in 1979. The church in Iran has miraculously thrived until the present, and Giti is part of an organization that airs Christian satellite TV shows to Iran, and has aired shows from Chico, CA since 2013. She shared testimonies from Iran with us and gave us brochures to take home. The talk was very well received, and Giti has agreed to continue her story next year.

On a different subject, please don't forget that Lenten Box money is now due. Please ask your church treasurer to make out a check to Provincial ACW, notation 'Lenten Offerings' and send it to Gillian Golden, Provincial ACW Lenten Chairman, PO Box 558, Selma, OR 97538. Thank you to all churches that have already contributed. The money is going to Student Support at St. Joseph of Arimathea Seminary.

Gillian Golden, President ACW-DWS