



more from St. Augustine's

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Presiding Bishop Presses Us All to Pray for Lambeth: "A Lessening of Tension, An Openness of Spirit"

This Church Is Again Blessed with Superb Preaching from Our Summer Substitutes

Once again St. Augustine's has been blessed with truly exceptional priests who step into our pulpit for the summer.

Already this year a second Fr. Robin has appeared, an extraordinary preacher with superb qualifications. Fr. Robin Murray has preached here at the past two Sunday services.

He and his wife Dorothy are now living in the town of Wesley Chapel, Florida, but he was born in the Adelaide area of South Australia. Fr. Robin took a BA and an MBA from Michigan State, then earned a second Masters degree, in Divinity, from Virginia Theological Seminary. Finally, Fr. Robin received a doctorate in Ministry in 1982 from the renowned Andover (Mass.) Newton Theological School.

He has served churches in three American dioceses: in Michigan, Virginia and Southwest Florida.



Father Lee is back. With the Whitlocks off to their family's summer home on Lake Michigan, Fr. Lee Jaster will begin next week as our principal celebrant through Sunday, July 27th, when Fr. Robin Murray will return for one Sunday. Our church contracts with Fr. Robin Whitlock as our half-time Priest-in-Charge and we adjust his ten-month schedule so that his family has eight weeks off each summer.

Over a 40 year career he has been an Army chaplain and a chaplain to lodges, fire departments and colleges.

As some of us have already discovered in his first two Sundays with St. Augustine's, Fr. Robin Murray has a broad range of interests: family relations, child protection, counseling, grief management, ecumenism and missions.

Fr. Robin is Rector Emeritus of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Spring Hill, Florida. He is with us today, then he will return here on Sunday August 3rd.

In her June 4th letter to the Episcopal Church, Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori wrote: "I would bid your prayers...that we might all learn to see the Spirit at work in the other...for a peaceful spirit, a lessening of tension, and a real willingness to work together for the good of God's whole creation."

Today is that "Day of Prayer for Lambeth Conference" set aside by our Presiding Bishop.

A bit of background about Lambeth.

John Henry Hopkins in 1851 was Bishop of Vermont and Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church. He asked the Archbishop of Canterbury to convene all 144 Anglican bishops to begin building a sense of a single family of churches. But nothing happened. Fifteen years later the Canadian Anglican Church suggested the same thing. This time they received the Archbishop's reluctant consent.

So in 1867 at the Archbishop's town house in London, Lambeth Palace, 76 of those 144 bishops met "to encourage each other." That's what they did and then they went home.

Today the Anglican Communion has over 800 bishops guiding over 80 million members in over 160 countries. And once again there is a struggle to hold onto a sense of a single family of churches. In her letter Presiding Bishop Jeffert Schori wrote "the Anglican Communion is one of the largest networks of human connection in the world."

But why such a multitude of perspectives?

"That far-flung network is the result, in part, of seeds planted by a colonial missionary history," the Presiding Bishop continues. *continued, page 2*



And a good time was had.... Even with heavy rains that evening, there was a nice showing at the Night Out for Games fund-raiser sponsored by Your Place on on Friday night, June 13th. Held at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church on 54th Avenue South, raffles, silent auctions, table games and more kept people engaged until 10:00 pm. In this photo, Hazel Allen, center, one of the event's organizers, is flanked by others at the buffet line. Also from St. Augustine's, at the table's far end: Voncile Burke and Lula Caines. Almost 50 people attended, enjoying bingo, bridge, Uno, food and drink and quite a number of raffles of donate gifts.

** This newsletter might be seen as the first draft of our church's recent history. It is about recognition and spiritual attitude, candor, nixing hearsay, and unashamed cheer leading. Members Judy and Tom Krug are its co-editors and some 65 parishioners are essential to the effort. Issues are available each Sunday after our 9:00 service. We e-mail it to several dozen churches and supporters. It is also archived at www.staugstpete.org, our web site for church-shoppers.*

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"The fruit that has resulted is diverse and local, and indeed, unpalatable to some in other parts of the world."

Is this conference really so important?

"The Lambeth Conference represents one important way of building connections and relationships between churches in vastly different contexts, and reminding us of the varied nature of the Body of Christ," explains the Presiding Bishop.

Since the Lambeth meets only once every decade, what can it hope to accomplish?

First, it's important to know that this is not a lawmaking body, and never since its inauguration in 1867 was it designed to be one. "Every local Anglican province around the world has its own independent system of church law," Archbishop Rowan Williams says, so there's no need for this gathering "to act as a su-preme court."

Jeffert Schori also addresses this point. "Our task at the Lambeth Conference is to ... commit ourselves to the future of this network....examine the fruit of our colonial history, in a transparent way and with great humility, if we are ever going to heal the wounds of the past, which continue into the present. With God's help, that is possible."

Who attends this Lambeth Conference?

650 bishops from the more than 800 bishops invited by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams are expected to attend the July 16 – August 3 conference. They'll meet at the University of Kent on its forested campus just outside Canterbury, England. Canterbury, 56 miles southeast of London, is home to the famous Canterbury Cathedral.

Who won't be attending the conference?

Bishop Gene Robinson of New Hampshire and Martyn Minns, who left his position as Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia to become Bishop of the Convocation of Anglicans in North America (CANA) are among the "small number of bishops" who have not been invited to the 2008 conference.

Other bishops have chosen not to participate. Some of them are meeting in Jerusalem, instead of Canterbury.

Next week: What does is mean to be "in full communion"?

Did Someone Really Say Let's Make English the Official U.S. Language?

English is a crazy language....

There is no egg in eggplant, no ham in hamburger; neither is there apple nor pine in pineapple. Sweetmeats are candies while sweet-breads are meat – and they aren't sweet.

Look at the language's paradoxes: quicksand works slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.

We recite at a play but play at a recital. We ship by truck and send cargo by ship. We have noses that run and feet that smel.I. How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites?

Your house can burn up as it burns down; you fill in a form by filling it out; an alarm goes off by going on. Flammable and inflammable mean the same!

Our languages are developed haphazardly reflecting the creativity of the human race -- which, of course, isn't a race at all, is it?



We held our first church service in our present building on August 25th, 1968.

Scripture for Next Sunday, June 29th.

Genesis 22:1-14 Pat Stewart
 Psalm 13, BCP Pg 597 Louise Stroude
 Romans 6:12-23 Greg Duckett
 Matthew 10:40-42 Deacon Bauknight
 Prayers of the People Hazel Allen

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SERIOUS BREAKFAST!

	Small Juice	Coffee, with refills	Hot Entree'	SUB-TOTAL	with 7% tax	(Gratuity @ 15%)	TOTAL
Bob Evans	\$ 1.49	\$.99	\$ 6.99	\$ 9.47	\$ 10.13	\$ 1.50	\$ 11.63
Denny's	\$ 1.60	\$ 1.85	\$ 7.69	\$ 11.14	\$ 12.90	\$ 1.75	\$ 14.65
Don Cesar, brunch	-----	-----	-----	\$ 60.00	\$ 64.20	-----	\$ 64.20
IHOP	\$ 1.69	\$ 1.59	\$ 6.69	\$ 9.97	\$ 10.67	\$ 1.50	\$ 12.17
McDonald's	\$.99	\$ 1.19	\$ 5.27	\$ 7.45	\$ 7.97	-----	\$ 7.97
Skyway Jack's	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.50	\$ 4.50	\$ 7.50	\$ 8.02	\$ 1.10	\$ 9.12
St. Augustine's	included	included	included	\$ 5.00	-----	-----	\$ 5.00

Have a Nice Day!

Cynthia's CORNER



Hello again, readers.

Remember the Poynter Institute Writer's Camp? Well, it has already started. In fact, Cynthia Allen is 10. I will begin the last and final week of it tomorrow. We have just started publishing our pieces, making changes at the last minute like all good writers do. The camp is very good.

We take field trips and we get juice and cookies every day. Our first field trip was to the Working Cow ice cream factory. Not all of their rooms were cold. Surprisingly, there was a room that was 86 degrees! Of course we got ice cream samples. Your favorite writer had her first taste of dutch chocolate.

After that, we took a big, fancy Escot bus to and from Cox's Radio. It was an interesting place with tons of radios, of all kinds. In one place!

We got to see Keith Connors, who controls the music at Magic 94.9.

Okay, so far this Writer's Camp has gone pretty well.

Speaking of writing, here is my poem. Writing Haiku

Click. click. Goes the pens
 Scratch,scratch, scratch goes the pencils
 Writing is music.

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