

# THE QUILL

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## Episcopal General Convention— Anaheim, July 8-17

Modeled after the structure of the U. S. Congress, the House of Deputies (clergy & lay) and the House of Bishops will look at issues facing Church and society in the 21st century. Some of the major issues that will be dealt include:

\*\*Unity & Tensions within the Anglican Communion over Biblical Authority & Interpretation

\*\*\*Proposed inter-Communion with the United Methodist Church and the Moravian Church

\*\*Proposed Canon Law regarding Church Discipline and the Laity

\*\*Ethical responses to issues of war, torture & terrorism

\*\*\*New & revised liturgies -- especially adding many notable persons to the Church's Calendar of Commemorations

Visitors may attend the Episcopal Church's 76th General Convention by purchasing a \$15 day pass. (A pass good for the entire meeting is \$50.

On Sunday, July 12, all are welcome to attend the General Convention Eucharist and UTO Ingathering. Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori will preside.

No pass or fee is required for that day, and the Exhibit Hall, with its many vendors and informational booths, will be open to all after the Eucharist.

## Out and About at St. Bede's: Summer Edition!

By Mother Vicki Mouradian

**OUTING:** We have reservations for a sandwich lunch and a private Docent Tour at the **Skirball Cultural Center on Sunday, July 19, 2009 at 12:30 p.m.** Following the 10:00 a.m. Service, those with reservations will depart for the Skirball to see **Zap! Pow! Bam! The Superheros: The Golden Age of Comic Books 1938-1950.** The cost for the event is **\$20.00 per person** which is all inclusive. Please make **checks payable to St. Bede's** with a memo note for the Skirball and place in the envelope provided with the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in Luther Hall. **Parking is free** but we can arrange carpools. Those interested in spending the rest of the afternoon at the Skirball may do so.

In the midst of the economic and political turmoil of the 1930's and 1940's, comic books offered American champions who shaped the values of an entire generation. Explore the creative processes and influences (some may be surprising) that drove young Jewish artists to express their talents. Join us for this afternoon of fellowship and education! Questions? Call Mother Vicki at (310) 625-7364.

**MOVIE NIGHT and POTLUCK:** Back by popular demand! Join us for good food and good viewing in Luther Hall on **Saturday, August 1, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.** If you have movie suggestions please mention it to me or leave a note in my box in the office. I will announce our movie of choice as we get closer to the date. Questions? Call Mother Vicki at (310) 625-7364.



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### THIS MONTH

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# CANON JIM'S JOTTINGS

The "Great Fifty Days of Easter" ended with the glorious celebrations on Pentecost. We all wore red, celebrated with Eugenie & Ryan in their baptisms, attended the beautiful choral evensong, were thrilled by John Thomas's recital of the music of Claude Debussy, and were filled with the marvelous "red food event"!!!! Who can ask for anything more?

The kneelers are now in place, the Paschal Candle is back by the Baptismal Font, and the color will be green for most of the time until Advent -- the last Sunday in November. The Season AFTER Pentecost -- so-called "Ordinary Time" -- is a period during which we learn about the faith of the Church and the ministry of Jesus. This year, we will hear the saga of Israel from Saul & David through Job and Ruth; we will hear readings from the Epistles of 2 Corinthians, Ephesians, James and the Book of Hebrews; and will hear the story of Jesus ministry as recorded in Chapters 4-13 of Mark's Gospel along with five weeks from Chapter 6 of John's Gospel. On the Day after Independence Day, we shall commemorate the 233rd anniversary of American Independence.

Church School will end on June 21 with a presentation by the children in the 10 a.m. service. Periodically in the summer, we shall present shorter sermons directed to parishioners of ALL ages -- especially the younger ones. In August and early September, Mthr. Vicki will lead the children in several special Sunday experiences. She will be writing about that elsewhere.

Summer is not a time for rest here -- just a re-focusing for the three months until Homecoming Sunday on September 27. This year, Bishop Chester Talton will be with us on that day and we look forward to his visit. I will write more about that in the next issue of *The Quill*.

## TRAVELS & DISTRACTIONS

As usual, I will be away in early June to visit friends in Seattle and then to join friends in Ashland, OR at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. In late June and early July, I will attend some of the meetings of the Association of Anglican Musicians here in Los Angeles. The current President was our Music Director at All Saints, Northfield, MN in the mid-1980's. In mid-July, I will be attending the General Convention of the Episcopal Church, meeting this year in Anaheim (more on that elsewhere in this article). In August, I will be on vacation during the first half of the month in Arizona, New Mexico & Texas.

In mid-August, Mthr. Vicki will be presenting a look at her travel to the Holy Land. It is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday evening, August 19, and at a daytime event yet to be scheduled.



## THE 76th GENERAL CONVENTION

I have often said that the General Convention is (in equal thirds) work, alumni meeting & state fair. This time, I will be working with The Consultation -- a group of social justice ministries within the Episcopal Church. I will be helping them track legislation and make connections with necessary deputies and Bishops. In other words, I will be a lobbyist.

The Church will have bulletin inserts through the end of the General Convention to talk about what is happening. You may also follow the work of the General Convention at [www.episcopalchurch.org/cons/](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/cons/)

Furthermore, I will report on the General Convention in my sermon on Sunday, July 19. In late July, I will put out a display of all of the materials from the various Episcopal & Anglican groups represented at the convention (even those with which I disagree).

We are currently looking at chartering a bus to Anaheim on Sunday, July 12 for the great service on that day and I will report to you about those plans later in July. Both services at St. Bede's that day will be Morning Prayer.

Incidentally, Fr. Holger Laske, our assistant in 1997-1999, had hoped to join us from Germany for the General Convention. Unfortunately, he will not be able to do that. We will miss his presence and hope to see him in the near future!

## FALL RETREAT IN SANTA BARBARA

The annual retreat with the Holy Cross brothers is scheduled for the weekend of November 13-15. This will be our first opportunity to be with them since the devastating fire last November. The retreat will be held at St. Mary's Convent which is next to the Santa Barbara Mission. The cost of the retreat is \$200. Please sign up in the narthex by the end of August. Payment is due when you sign up. Please make checks payable to St. Bede's with the memo "OHC Retreat".

## ADOPTING A PLOT - PART TWO

I am repeating this from the last issue as we are still developing the plans. In the summer, we are going to produce a map of the property which will be divided up in a way that will encourage parishioners to adopt a section to weed and keep in shape. This work may be done at any time, not just the announced work-days. This is not a new idea. The late Don Thomas maintained a section of the planter at the bottom of the steps leading to the parking lot. We need to get the work days to focus on the "big-ticket items" and not the general maintenance. We have also been challenged to grow vegetables in some of the less well tended (currently) planters. Again, we will be keeping you up-to-date on these plans.

## BUILDINGS & EVALUATIONS

In the late summer, we shall send out materials to every household about plans for the long-discussed building which would house the offices and the rooms needed for Christian Education. We will have a series of meetings in mid-September to answer questions and receive input relating to the development of the plan. While there are no plans to build anything in the next several years, the Vestry and I feel that it would be wise to do our homework now.

Also, we will participate in the second stage of the Natural Church Development process in October. Many of you were involved either in taking the inventory (limited to 30 people plus the pastor) and/or in discussing the results. Now, we see how our prayers, study and discussions have borne fruit. Again, there will be more information in the next issue of *The Quill*.

May God Bless you this Summer,

*Jim +*

Canon Jim Newman

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## AIDS Project Reminder~

If you will be traveling this summer, please remember to save the toiletries from hotels or ships for the Aids project at Christmas time. Thanks!

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## Children in Church

The preacher was wired for sound with a lapel mike, and as he preached, he moved briskly about the platform, jerking the mike cord as he went.

Then he moved to one side, getting wound up in the cord and nearly tripping before jerking it again.

After several circles and jerks, a little girl in the third pew leaned toward her mother and whispered, "If he gets loose, will he hurt us?"



## News from the Sisters Of Bede

The Sisters of Bede thank all the people who supported their Easter brunch. We made a profit of \$481 on this event, all of which is donated to the parish and its outreach projects.

The Sisters also remind everyone that a new date has been set for the Mohlers' Summer Sunset Beach Dinner—August 22—and that there is lots of space available. The cost is \$10 for individuals, \$35 for a family. Come play in the sand and enjoy sub sandwiches, chips, watermelon, cookies, juice for the kids and bubbly for the adults.

Save the date for next fall's Party of Parties—Saturday, October 10— and come sign up for next year's round of enticing venues.

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## Oberammergau- Passion Play Update

Last year, Fr. Jim announced the 2010 trip to the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany, which occurs every ten years. The trip now has 42 people signed up with room for only 8 more people. Anyone interested should talk to Fr. Jim as soon as possible.

Imagine a promise kept for almost four centuries! In 1633, the Black Plague was sweeping across Europe. The devout people of Oberammergau pledged that if God would spare them, they would present a day-long play depicting the last week in Jesus' life. They have presented a passion play every decade since their salvation. It now takes place on a magnificent open-air stage with a covered auditorium that seats 4,700 people.

The 2010 Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany, is the centerpiece of a twelve-day trip to the heart of Europe. Departing Los Angeles on August 24, the trip goes to Berlin, Dresden, Munich, Neuschwanstein (Ludwig's castle), Heidelberg & the Rhine Valley (Germany), Prague (Czech Republic), Lake Lucerne & the Swiss Alps (Switzerland). These are lands touched by the reformations of the 17th century which have shaped our faith and life. Berlin, once a symbol of division, now sparkles as it is finally rebuilt from the ashes of World War 2 and the years of division by the Berlin Wall.

The cost for this trip is \$4,299 from Los Angeles. Brochures are available in the Narthex or on the website ([www.stbedesla.org](http://www.stbedesla.org)).

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***SERVICES & CLASSES***

**SUNDAYS:** 8 am, Holy Eucharist (no music)  
10 am, Church School & Nursery  
10 am, Holy Eucharist (w/choir)  
6 pm, Evensong or Evening Prayer

**TUESDAYS** 10 am, Morning Prayer & Bible Study

**WEDNESDAYS:** 7 pm, Holy Eucharist & Healing  
7:45 pm, Adult Class

**TUESDAY BREAKFAST & BIBLE:**

9 a.m.: Breakfast and study of the upcoming Sunday's lessons  
==no meetings in July or August==

**WEDNESDAY EVENING FORUM:**

June 3,10,17,24 and July 1 & 8: "Great Figures of the  
New Testament (Parts 19-24)  
August 19: "Through the Holy Land with Vicki Mouradian"

**BOOKWORMS OF BEDE:**

June 15: Dan Brown, *Angels and Demons*  
July - no meeting  
August 17: To Be Determined

***ST. BEDE'S***  
***VESTRY & STAFF***

**RECTOR:** The Very Rev. Canon James Newman

**CURATE:** The Rev. Victoria Mouradian, Curate

**ASSISTING CLERGY:** the Revs. Giles Asbury, Jason Cox, & John  
Hancock

**MUSIC DIRECTOR:** Frank Basile

**VERGER:** Michael Gallagher

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**SEXTON:** Joaquin Perez

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Sharon Arthur ('11) Rea Crane ('10)

Akani Fletcher ('10) Michael Mullins ('11)

Dean Pace ('11) Carly Portalupi ('11)

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**DELEGATES/ALTERNATES TO CONVENTION**

Michael Mullins (A)/ Jerry Hornof (A) - ('10)

Kyle Ferstead (D)/Annette Graw (A) - ('11)