

God's Mission in the World

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St. Brendan's in Juneau offered this course during Lent and highly recommends its use. It is printed in such a way that anyone can lead, and it can be used in a 6-week study, a retreat weekend, an adult class or a youth group. This resource broadens understanding of global poverty and emphasizes what each one of us can do to make a difference. More information? Contact Mildred Boesser at 907-789-1445 or email at mboesser2@gci.net. She is willing to order books for you if that makes it easier.

Parochial Reports

Reminder that Parochial Reports are due by May 1, 2008! Thank you to the following congregations who turned their reports in:

Allakaket, St. Johns
Anchorage, All Saints
Anchorage, Christ Church
Circle, Holy Trinity
Cordova, St. Georges
Homer, St. Augustine's
Hughes, St. Paul's
Juneau, Holy Trinity
Juneau, St. Brendan's
Kenai, St. Francis
Kivalina, Kivalina Epiphany

Minto, St. Barnabas
Nenana, St. Marks
Palmer, St. Bartholomew's
Petersburg, St. Andrews
Point Hope, St. Thomas
Rampart, Episcopal Congreg.
Seward, St. Peters
Sitka, St. Peters
Talkeetna, Denali Episcopal
Wasilla, St. David's
Wrangell, St. Philips

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GOOD NEWS IN THE DIOCESE

Monthly Report from the Bishop of Alaska

April 2008

An Update from the Standing Committee

As one of the new kids on the Standing Committee, I drew the privilege of writing our report for this issue of the Good News. So I'll take this opportunity to introduce myself and then tell you about my first Standing Committee meeting.

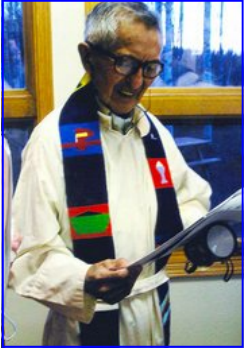
I was born in California and moved to Juneau 30 years ago. I'm not a cradle Episcopalian, but I've been a parishioner at St. Brendan's for 20 years. I'm married to Al Tingley and we have four children -- a grown son who is white like us, and three black children adopted from Ethiopia. I work in the legal system, and through my work I've traveled throughout Alaska. My current job is coordinating activities to reduce the high number of minority youth in our juvenile justice system. At St. Brendan's, I've served as a Lay Reader and Eucharistic Minister, Sunday School teacher, Vestry member, Safe Church Response Team member, and deanery representative. When I became the new Southeast lay representative on the Standing Committee (replacing Sara Beaber-Fujioka of Sitka), I felt very honored but a little unsure of what I was getting into. The people and activities in other parts of the diocese have been a little mysterious to me -- as perhaps they are to some of you.

Now that I've attended my first Standing Committee meeting, I'm excited about what I can offer and what I can learn. We enjoyed the hospitality of St. Christopher's (including Fr. Wayne's homemade soup) for our meeting in Anchorage on March 28-29. I had already met committee member Mary Margaret Davis of Fairbanks and our new President Rev. Dawn Allen-Herron of Petersburg, who succeeded Rev. Dave Elsensohn when he resigned from the committee last month. I enjoyed meeting Vice-President Rev. Robert Thomas of Seward, Secretary John Crittenden of Anchorage, and Martin Oktollik of Point Hope. Rev. John Holz of Fairbanks had to join us by telephone (recuperating at home from surgery), and I hope to meet our newest member Rev. Jerry Norton of Kivalina at our next meeting. The most time-consuming agenda items were the budget and the Major Gifts Campaign. Other important topics were reports from diocesan staff and committees -- Faith Into Tomorrow; Safe Church; Mission and Ministry; Property; Search; Transition; Suffragan Bishop; and Constitutions and Canons. I was grateful for the guiding presence of Diocesan Administrator Suzanne Krull, Rev. Canon Ginny Doctor and Rev. Dave Blanchett, and for the work of all the diocesan staff during our time of transition.

Faithfully, Barbara Learmonth

The Reverend Titus Peter

December 9, 1920 – March 11, 2008



Titus left us. The one who told me not “to be chicken,” left us. A long time ago, both Titus and David Salmon were teaching at Fort Yukon. What a team and what knowledge. Shortly after that event, Titus sent me a note telling me how much he appreciated the training and how much more we need. He told me I could do it and not “to be chicken,” and to keep going. For those of you how aren’t familiar with this expression, it means don’t be afraid. Titus also donated \$100 for training in the diocese. I have that note – it doesn’t live far from the teaching stick that David Salmon gave me. I keep little things that carry much power. Now, I will keep Titus in a corner of my heart. But, who will call me for the great Scripture debates? I thought I was the only one but come to find out, he called others for those “discussions.” He told me he liked talking to me. I once asked him why. He told me it was because I didn’t get angry and listened to his points before making my points. We agreed on lots of points but there we some where it was easier to say, “I understand what you are saying.” We will all miss Titus and we give thanks for his life and ministry.

- *The Rev. Cn. Ginny Doctor*

Fond Memories of Titus Peter

I remember Titus’ instant smile of greeting,

- his saying, “You white folks talk too much,”
- his beating me two out of three games of ping-pong,
- his sense of freedom on his trap line, second only, as he said, to the freedom of he found in Jesus Christ,
- his creative use of a United Thank Offering grant which enabled him to work as a counselor in the field of alcoholism and drug abuse,
- for “being there” in crisis – a beacon of light and hope,
- his dream come true church in Birch Creek,
- his voracious appetite for Mildred’s “West Point” cookies,
- celebrating his and our daughter Sara’s December 9th birthdays!

I remember the esteem in which Titus was held by young and old alike. Mildred and I cannot begin to express our gratitude for his friendship in Christ.

- *The Ven. Mark Boesser*

UTO 2008 Spring In Gathering

UTO IS A SPIRITUAL AND FINANCIAL PARTNER IN THE MISSION WORK OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, THROUGH EVERY PERSON IN EVERY PEW. DAILY THANKS IMPROVES LIVES.

That is our current mission statement. As spring approaches and we look forward to longer days with lots of sunshine it is also our time to prepare for the Spring Ingathering of our UTO boxes and/or envelopes. Ingathering Sunday will be April 27th or the next two Sundays if that fits your schedule better.

The Spring information packets should be arriving any day, if you do not get one do please call the TOLL FREE Number, 1.800-334-7626, and ask for the UTO representative to request a packet be mailed to you, ALL Churches should get one!

The fall ingathering was down somewhat to \$1,821.23. The total for 2007 was \$ 9,914,36, and this is higher than the past four years.

For your information the Province 8 UTO representative has told us that the Diocese of Alaska raised \$68,109 from 2000 through 2007. I think this is great and something we can all be proud of. Thank you all for your diligent work.

Please be sure that checks or money orders be made out to UTO-Diocese of Alaska and mailed to me by mid June:

207 W. 22nd Ave
Anchorage, AK 99503

A few checks are still going to Redwood Street and I left there 3 years ago, so make sure that who-ever does the mailing has my current address.

If you have any questions please feel free to call me or write. Again, thank you all for your Faithful Ministry

Blessings and Peace.

Winnie Nowak. Diocesan UTO Coordinator.

