

Saint Columban's Newsletter



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God's Gift

It is Jesus Christ in His fulness, offered *now* to you, His righteousness, His love, His peace, His salvation; God's gift to you *now*, and NOW, you can take hold of it with childlike faith. ...

If you say to me: 'You ask me to give up my sin,' I answer: NO, I do not. All I ask of you is to receive Christ and trust in Jesus. Directly you trust in Him His love fills you, and you will not care for sin.

Father Ignatius¹

Two Lambeth Commission members address Province IV Synod

By Pat McCaughan (ENS 061505-1)

The Most Rev. Josiah Idowu-Fearon, Archbishop of Kaduna, told about 200 clergy and laity attending a Synod gathering of the Episcopal Church's Province IV, held here June 8-10, that he is hopeful about the future unity of the Anglican Communion if Windsor Report recommendations are unchallenged.

¹ J. V. Smedley (ed.): *Mission Sermons and Orations delivered by Father Ignatius O. S. B., Evangelist Monk of the Church of England, at Westminster Town Hall, 1890*², pp, 194, 214; quoted from Geoffrey Rowell, *The Vision Glorious*, 1983, p. 138.

Fearon, of the Anglican Church of Nigeria, was a guest speaker along with Dr. Jenny Plane Te Paa, who is the "ahorangi" or dean of Te Rau Kahikatea, indigenous constituent of the College of St. John the Evangelist in Auckland, New Zealand, and the first indigenous lay woman to serve as a seminary dean in the Anglican Communion.

Fearon and Te Paa, as members of the Lambeth Commission on Communion, were asked to share their personal spiritual challenges while helping to author the Windsor Report. The widely publicized report was released in October 2004 with specific recommendations for maintaining unity within the Anglican Communion.

"The Windsor Report is the only realistic and realizable solution to the current crisis in the communion," said Fearon as he cautioned that unity will be preserved only if the Episcopal Church in the United States accepts it without qualifying conditions. "We can live with it, but be patient with us," he said.

Te Paa called the commission's work "a micro-exercise in effecting reconciliation, through intentionally engaged, sheer human witness" and expressed hopefulness for future unity. She praised the Episcopal Church for its willingness to attend the upcoming Anglican Consultative Council (ACC) meeting in Nottingham, England, later this month as observers only.

"The voluntary, temporary withdrawal of ECUSA [the Episcopal Church] from the ACC is symbolic of repentance, of the willingness to enable the processes of healing to begin," she said.

"It is hoped that efforts made and contained in the Windsor Report will bear fruit and bring wholeness and healing to our communion," Fearon said. "We plead with the ECUSA to act in such a way as not to increase our pains to the point we are numb and walk away, to the point we give up."

Te Paa, the first Maori person to complete an academic degree in theology from the University of Auckland, ... said that she and Fearon, though disagreeing with each other, became close friends while serving on the 17-member Lambeth Commission, chaired by the Primate of All Ireland, Archbishop Robin Eames.

The commission, established at the request of the primates of the Anglican Communion, was specifically asked to examine and report on ways in which the 38 Anglican and Episcopal provinces can "relate to one another in situations where the ecclesiastical authorities of one

province feel unable to maintain the fullness of communion with another part of the Anglican Communion.”

The Windsor Report, named after the site southwest of London where the Lambeth Commission has twice met, is published in four sections, dealing with: the purposes and benefits of Communion; principles underlying how the communion lives its life and the importance of communion as a principle of church life. (The complete report is posted online at: www.anglicancommunion.org.) ...

Te Paa said that commission members concluded that the Episcopal Church did nothing wrong in terms of its own canons in electing and consecrating Gene Robinson. “What was regrettable was that they did so knowing many people in the Anglican Communion would be distressed by it and would not accept it,” she said.

She criticized elements of the Windsor Report, including the failure to assign a time frame or accountability to the moratorium on future consecrations.

She also commented on the “underside to the commission’s work, the invisible agenda that caused deep and abiding hurt and affects us all.” Specifically, she cited politicization of the issue at the expense of ministry and mission, abuses of power, and bishops who interfered in dioceses beyond their jurisdictions. ...

Fearon, who has been instrumental in reconciliation ministry with Muslims in Nigeria, said his commission experience revealed that “there are about 20 percent of the 70 million Anglicans worldwide who are vehemently opposed to what happened. And there are about 20 percent from the same family who are fully committed to what happened and in between are 60 percent who just want to worship our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. “We must address this middle ground.”

[For the full report see www.anglicanlistening.org]

Coming together

There seems to be some interest in the congregation to have a regular meeting between our monthly services, perhaps some weekday in the evening, for those members at least who live in Karlsruhe or in the immediate neighbourhood. This would open a new possibility of coming together for those members who stay in town for work during the week but spend their weekends somewhere in the country. We could begin

with a Communion service or Evening Prayer, and then sit together for a discussion of problems of common interest or a bible study or whatever. It might even be possible to have dinner together. LET US KNOW YOUR OPINION IN ANY CASE!

Garden Party

As announced in our previous Newsletter, our annual garden party was planned to take place on July 3, after the service, in the garden between the church and the Old-Catholic parish house. Sadly, it appears that too many of our members and friends will be unable to attend, owing to holidays or other engagements. Therefore, we will not organize a party of our own, but those who can be with us that day and have time enough after the service will have lunch together in a nearby restaurant, outdoors if weather permits. The concert for trumpet and organ, performed by the Old-Catholic organist and one of his friends, will take place on that day at 5 pm in the Old-Catholic church, anyhow, and whoever is interested is invited to attend it thereafter.

Domestic Mass in Obersteinbach

This year's 'domestic mass' of the Old-Catholic community of Alsace will take place on the premises of the Klaas family at Obersteinbach September 11. It is a trilingual service (German/French/English) to which our community is regularly invited. Those who attended it in former years will confirm that it always was a joyful event and very worthwhile to attend. The service will begin at 11 a.m. Those who are interested to go for the first time are invited to contact the Priest in Charge with regard to arrangements for car-sharing and directions concerning the way.

New Arrangement of Services?

Members of the congregation have expressed the wish to have more services than one in the month; others would prefer the services to begin earlier, e. g. at 11 a.m. It may be possible to fulfil both wishes if we decided to return, at last, to our original place of worship, namely the Luisenheim chapel. Being well aware of the beauty of the Old-Catholic church, one can say that this chapel certainly has its advantages for a small congregation like ours. Other than in former times we could have

services at 11 a.m. there, now. Such a new arrangement of having services on the first and third Sundays there could take effect from the beginning of October. DO LET US KNOW YOUR OPINION!

Next services

In **Karlsruhe** our services are held on the 1st Sunday of the month at 12 noon in the Old Catholic *Christi-Auferstehungskirche* (Church of the Resurrection of Christ), Ökumeneplatz (besides Südl. Hildapromenade nr Mühlburger Tor), (unless otherwise indicated):

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| July 3 | — Trinity 6: Holy Eucharist (Rite I) |
| July 22 | — St Mary Magdalene: Holy Eucharist (Rite II) at 6 p.m. in the chapel of Luisenheim |
| August 7 | — Transfiguration of our Lord (tr.): Holy Eucharist (Rite I) |
| August 15 | — St Mary the Virgin: Holy Eucharist (Rite II) at 7 p.m. in the chapel of Luisenheim |
| September 4 | — Trinity 15: Holy Eucharist (Rite I) |
| September 14 | — Holy Cross Day: Holy Eucharist (Rite II) at 7 p.m. in the chapel of Luisenheim |

You reach the Church of the Resurrection of Christ by public transport using trams to *Mühlburger Tor*. Cross Kaiserallee in northward direction (to the side of the red *Christuskirche*) at *Rathaus West*, and walk into Südl. Hildapromenade. After some steps, you see the church building before you (entrance from the west side). Luisenheim (Kochstr. 2-4) may be reached passing on the left side of the Church of the Resurrection and going on to the end of Helmholtzstraße. The chapel is found in the building to the right of the entrance gate just across Kochstraße, showing the inscription “Luisenheim”, on the ground floor at the end of the long corridor, last door to the left.

There is a **children’s group** in the Old-Catholic parish house beside the church at the time of our service. It is arranged by a group of parents of young children. So all families with small children can attend the service while the children are cared for. Parents who are prepared to take part in the organisation of this work are invited to approach the Priest in Charge.

For weekday services see “Old-Catholic Church” (below p. 7).

Services at **St Augustine's, Wiesbaden**, Frankfurter Str. 3, are celebrated every Sunday at 10 am. Members of our Mission are always most welcome there (out yourselves when there). The Priest in Charge celebrates and preaches there occasionally.

Readings and Psalms of Forthcoming Services

Day	Old Testament	Psalm	New Testament	Gospel
July 3	Zech 9:9-12	145:8-14	Rom 7:21-8:6	Mat 11:25-30
July 22	Judith 9:1,11-14	42:1-7	2Cor 5:14-18	John 20:11-18
Aug 7	Exod 34:29-35	99:5-9	2Peter 1:13-21	Luke 9:28-36
Aug 15	Isa 61:10-11	34:1-9	Gal 4:4-7	Luke 1:46-55
Sept 4	Eze 33:7-11	119:33-40	Rom 12:9-21	Mat 18:15-20
Sept 14	Isa 45:21-25	98:1-4	Phil 2:5-11	John 12:31-36a

Known Birthdays in July, August and September

<u>July</u>	14. Kristina Zülicke
11. Henry Phillips	15. Mietek Hunt
<u>August</u>	18. Peter Kerby
10. Arlyn Caldwell-Nichols	19. Nana Amma Opoku-Boadu
25. Killian Goodale-Porter	20. James Hunt
25. Sophie Bickerton	26. Steven Miller
<u>September</u>	30. Todd Phillips

To all of these, blessings and most sincere congratulations! Remember them in your prayers!

We know very well that we do not know the birthdays of all our members and friends. Besides, we lost some birthdays by computer problems. So, if you miss your birthday let us know. Likewise if you know the birthday of any other member or friend not listed, who would not object to being included. If you should prefer your birthday not to be mentioned, do let us know also.

“If anyone is ill enough to call the doctor...”

“...call the parson too”. The Church is always available to those who desire her ministrations in time of sickness. But we often do not know who does. So if you know of someone who is sick or otherwise housebound, and would like a priest to visit her or him in order to talk to him or to receive communion and/or anointing (cf. Letter of James 5:14), do let the Priest in Charge know as soon as possible.

Old-Catholic Church

The Old-Catholic Churches, which gained independence from papal jurisdiction in the course of time, and especially in the 19th century, are in full communion with the Anglican Churches. We are their guests with our services, and we are most sincerely invited to their (German language) services (Holy Eucharist: Sunday at 10 a.m., Tuesdays at 7.10 a.m., Thursdays at 7 p.m.) in the *Auferstehungskirche* (see above p. 6) in summer, or in the parish house beside the church, in winter.

Clubs

English speaking Clubs and groups in our region where our members and friends are always welcome:

Anglo-German Club Pforzheim: 1st Thursday of the month from 19.45, Ratskeller, Pforzheim

British Baden Club: 1st Friday of the month from 8 pm, Restaurant “Prinz Eugen” Malsch (Information: Tel 07246-5992)

Dt.-Englischer Freundeskreis Karlsruhe, Conversation Circle: 3rd Tuesday of the month from 7.30 pm, Jugendheim Anne Frank, Moltke-str. 2a (Engländerplatz)

English Speaking “Stammtisch”: 2nd Tuesday of the month from 8 pm, Flynn’s Inn, Hirschstr. 70, Karlsruhe (Tel 8303641)

KONTAKT Karlsruhe (German-American; opportunity for Germans and Americans to practise the other language): Information regarding time and place from Mr Steven Miller, Tel. 0721-503139.

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 001: Tue–Fri 4–11 pm, Sat 2–12 pm, Sun 10 am–12 pm, Kirchstr. 9, Rheinmünster-Söllingen (Tel. 07227-991753, Fax: 07227-990979, E-Mail: RCL.Branch001@T-Online.de)

Mission Statement

Saint Columban's Mission is a self-supporting congregation in the Anglican Communion under the jurisdiction of the Bishop in Charge of the Convocation of American Churches in Europe (Episcopal Church in the United States of America). It

- offers a spiritual home to all English-speaking residents of, and visitors to, Karlsruhe and the surrounding region,
- makes the Anglican tradition visible in the local Ecumenical environment,
- contributes—together with other Churches—to the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people in the city and the surrounding region.

Firmly rooted in the Anglican tradition, St Columban's Mission is open to all Christians, regardless of their denominational affiliation. They are most welcome at our Services. The Mission belongs to the Council of Anglican Episcopal Churches in Germany which organizes the cooperation of Anglican and Episcopal chaplaincies and congregations in this country. It is also a member of the *Arbeitsgemeinschaft Christlicher Kirchen* (Council of Christian Churches) in Karlsruhe.

The Priest in Charge may be contacted in case of pastoral emergency at any hour of the day or night. If he is absent or cannot be reached the following persons will be pleased to give all relevant information:

Dr. James Hunt, mobile 0172 726 5094

Todd Phillips, Tel. (0721) 75 65 80

The Blessed Sacrament is reserved continuously and always available for the purposes of Holy Communion for those who are sick or housebound.

The Sacraments of Reconciliation (Confession and Absolution) and of the Sick (Anointing with laying on of hands) are also available for those who wish to make use of them, by arrangement with the Priest in Charge.

Information about preparing for Baptism, Confirmation or Marriage can also be obtained by telephoning the Priest in Charge.