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The Uniqueness of Jesus and the Way of the Cross
By The Venerable Doctor Christopher A. Brown

Dr. David Seamands, a Methodist missionary and seminary professor, used to tell of an African Muslim who converted to Christianity. The man’s friends asked him why he became a Christian. He replied, “Suppose you were going down the road and suddenly the road forked in two directions, and you didn’t know which way to go. There at the fork in the road were two men, one dead and one alive. Which one would you ask which way to go?”

Not so many weeks ago we made that Easter shout, “Alleluia, Christ is risen! He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!” Our lives as Christians do not rest merely on the memory of a religious founder. Jesus is alive! He is with us through the Spirit, as he promised, “to the end of the age,” even as we await his embodied return at the close of the age.

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever,” says Hebrews 13:8. Jesus is not a memory that fades over time, but a living presence. In this respect, Christians make a claim about Jesus that is unique. His sovereignty as the risen Lord is permanent; his accomplished work of atonement is complete and unalterable.

“Christo-fascism”? The Rev. Fleming Rutledge is nationally known as one the most gifted preachers in the Episcopal Church. Some years ago, Mrs. Rutledge was speaking at Union Theological Seminary, where she had been a student, when a prominent faculty member, Dr. Dorothy Sölle, accused her of being a “Christo-fascist.”

What would provoke such a sharp rebuke? I know Fleming well; she was a colleague of mine for almost ten years at Grace Church in New York City. She is a self-identified Anglican evangelical, but she is certainly no fundamentalist. She has liberal political and social convictions, and her preaching is shaped by the seminal Biblical theology of the Swiss theologian, Karl Barth. Without question, Jesus Christ is at the center of her theology, as the unique divine and human savior, through his death and resurrection. It was this focus on the centrality and uniqueness of Christ that seems to have been the problem.

Dr. Sölle coined the term “Christo-fascism” in 1970 as a way of identifying “totalitarian” and “imperialistic” impulses in Christian theology and preaching. A colleague of Dr. Sölle, and a one-time professor of mine, Dr. Tom Driver, urges “…that the worship of God in Christ not divide Christian from Jew, man from woman, clergy from laity, white from black, or rich from poor… we fear christofascism, which we see as the political direction of all attempts to place Christ at the center of social life and history...much of the churches’ teaching about Christ has turned into something that is dictatorial in its heart and is preparing society for an American fascism.”

To many people this may seem a confusing mixture of political and religious thinking. It is certainly difficult to see Mrs. Rutledge’s gracious account of orthodox Christian faith as “totalitarian” or “imperialist,” simply because of her commitment to New Testament claims about the uniqueness and centrality of Jesus Christ.

One of America’s leading interpreters of Karl Barth, George Hunsinger of Princeton Theological Seminary, has argued that Dorothy Sölle’s notion of “Christofascism” is simply a theologically sophisticated rejection of Biblical Christianity, or as Hunsinger puts it, of “Jesus Christ as depicted in Scripture,” in favor of an eccentric and “non-normative” reformulation of Christian faith along left-leaning political lines.
This may seem to be an academic tempest in a teapot – too obscure to be interest to ordinary people. But it is typical of the debates that arise in the seminaries where Episcopal clergy receive their training. And it is by driven concerns that motivate ordinary people.

The Uniqueness of Christ – “Take it or Leave it”?

We all know people who feel that the claim that Jesus is the unique and only savior denigrates other religions and non-Christian cultures. Such people may feel that a particular political or philosophical outlook is right and moral, while a competing view is wrong; but when it comes to religion, they opt for a relativism that says all religions are equally valid and true. Yet for the African Muslim who converts to Christianity, often at acute personal risk, it makes all the difference that Jesus is uniquely a living and risen Lord who offers a new life not found elsewhere.

One response to the contemporary discomfort with the uniqueness of Christ is simply to say: “The Bible says, 'There is no other name by which men are saved’ (Acts 10:12) – so take it or leave it!” The problem is that today all too many people choose to leave it and look elsewhere. Is there a more persuasive approach that does not compromise the uniqueness of the Gospel – and not merely more persuasive, but more consistent with the Gospel itself?

The problem with the “take it or leave it” approach to the unique Lordship of Jesus is that it has a triumphalist cast to it. It is not just that it seems like bad manners, or comes across as arrogant. After all, Jesus was not always polite. He could be prickly and off-putting, just as he has could be “gentle and lowly of heart.” The problem with triumphalism is not that it is bad manners, but that it

is inconsistent with Jesus’ way of the Cross.

The Way of the Cross

The Cross is the means of our redemption. On the cross, Jesus offered himself in our place and bore the consequences of our sin – thereby restoring us to fellowship with God. The Epistle to the Hebrews stresses that, Jesus “did this once for all when he offered up himself. Hebrews repeatedly uses the term “once for all” (ἐφάπαξ/ephapax) to indicate the decisive unrepeatability and all sufficiency of the cross. As the prayer book puts it, “one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world.”

Fundamental to the Cross and its universal efficacy is the aspect of “self-emptying”– which theologians call “kenosis, from the Greek κενόω – kenoō, meaning “I empty”. This term comes from the Christ hymn of Philippians 2, in which Paul says,

“...though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death” (Philippians 2:6-89)

The Apostle locates this divine act of “self-emptying,” or as the New International Version puts it, “making himself nothing,” at the heart of the redemptive work of Christ. It encompasses both the Incarnation – when the Word is made Flesh and God takes on our humanity, as well as the work of Atonement on the cross – when Jesus gives up his life for us.

Jesus “self-emptying” radically contradicts the pattern of the world. Jesus points to this pattern when he tells his disciples, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you.” (Mark 10:42-43) By contrast, the greatest among his disciples are those who serve – following the example of Jesus himself on the cross: “...there is no one wiser than Socrates.” When Socrates learned this he wondered how it could be,
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A friend of mine once asked me to visit his aunt in the hospital. I said I would be happy to see her and went to the hospital the next day. She was lying in bed. No one was with her. I asked her why she was in the hospital. She said she had a brain tumor and the doctors had given her a month to live. I said I was sorry to hear that, and what did she think would happen after she died. She said she was not worried. She was sure she was going to heaven. I said, “that is wonderful. So few people have the confidence that you do. But tell me, why are you so sure?” “Oh,” she said, “it is because I deserve to go to heaven. I have lived a good life.”

She is not alone in her confidence that she is going to heaven. According to a Harris poll, it turns out that about two-thirds of the people in the US believe they are going to heaven. But is her confidence reasonable? Should she expect to go to heaven and will it be because she has lived a good life? Can a person show up at the gates of heaven and say, “I deserve to be here?” Jesus had some things to say about this. A man once came up to him and said, “Lord, will those who are saved by few?” (Luke 13:23) That is an interesting question. Look over at Matthew 7:14 for Jesus’ answer. “The gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.” The gate is ‘narrow.’ Those who find it are ‘few.’ Heaven will not fall into our laps. We have to work hard to find it.

A man once told me that getting into heaven was like flying from New York to Chicago. Some people take American Airlines; some people take United; some take US Airways; but everyone gets there. But that’s not what Jesus says. He says, “Those who find it are few.” Not everyone is going to get there. Nevertheless, Jesus doesn’t want us to give up. He says, “Strive to enter by the narrow door.” (Luke 13:24)

So, what do we have to do? Look at what Jesus says about the people who are not going to get into heaven: “I never knew you: depart from me, you evildoers.” (Matthew 7:23) What we want Jesus to say is the opposite of what he says here. We want him to say, “I know you. Come on in.” The key to getting into heaven is for him to know you, and for you and him to be best friends. Not just you being friendly to him or having good feelings about him but being best friends. His command to “strive” applies to making friends with him. It means to do more than

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what comes easily. So you may like Jesus and say prayers of thanks when good things happen and prayers for help when you are stuck but ‘striving’ to know Jesus means that you have to plan things to do with him. Think about when you were dating your wife or husband. You would plan ahead to get closer to them. ‘Maybe I could ask my boyfriend to go to a party with me.’ ‘Maybe I could ask my girlfriend to go for a walk with me.’ It is the same thing with striving to know Jesus. “I will sing to Jesus while I am driving to work.” “I will read a paragraph from the gospels and write a letter to Jesus after I do it.”

Or, think about how you get to know anyone. Call them up. Have lunch with them. Ask them questions. Listen to them. We can do the same when we get to know Jesus. I know a man who has a watch that buzzes every ten minutes to remind him to talk to Jesus. Or you can use places to remind you to talk and listen to Jesus. I talk to him when I am pumping gas. At the end of the day, you need to say, “I put some effort into getting closer to Jesus today.”

You say, “Wait a minute. I thought working hard to get into heaven was wrong. I thought all I needed was faith.” Here’s the story. You can never be good enough to meet the standard of goodness for getting into heaven. Jesus says, “Be perfect as your Father in heaven is perfect.” (Matthew 5:48) No one is perfect. People who are hoping they will get into heaven because they are harmless, friendly people are fooling themselves. You get into heaven because of Jesus. You need to attach yourself to Jesus. Then, his perfection rubs off on you. His death on the cross pays for all the things you have done wrong. But you have to work hard to be a friend of Jesus. Heaven is free for us. Jesus did the work. But we have to do things to get close to Jesus. Last year I bought a ream of paper at Staples. The cashier told me there was a rebate, and if I followed the directions, the paper would be free. I had to cut the UPC barcode off the package, put it in an envelope together with the receipt, and mail it to the address on the package. The rebate I received a month later covered the cost of the paper. So the paper was free. But there were things I had had to do. Going to heaven is free, too. Jesus paid the admission price when he died on the cross. But there are things I have to do for the price to be paid to my account. Committing my life to Jesus. Following him. Trusting in him. Talking to him. Spending time with him. Obeying him. Do everything you can to build a relationship with Jesus and he will take care of you, both in this life and in heaven.

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CLERGY IN TRANSITION

Appointments
Fr. Dan Jones has been called to be the next Rector of St. Michael’s Church in Colonie.

Retirements
Fr. Steven Scarcia has retired from Emmanuel Church in Little Falls.

In Memoriam
Rev. Robert Roach, Deacon, died on March 9, 2018. He was 94. Dcn. Roach served for more than 30 years at St. George’s Church in Clifton Park.

Rev. Herbert W. Sanderson, retired priest of the Diocese, died on August 3, 2017 at the age of 86. In his nearly 60-year ministry, Fr. Sanderson served first in Vermont, and then in the Diocese of Albany at Trinity Church, Watervliet, Grace Church, Waterford, and The Church of the Holy Cross, Troy. More recently, he served as priest associate at Christ the King Spiritual Life Center, Greenwich. He also served as a Chaplain of The Hoosac School.
General Convention Deputies of the Episcopal Church, representing the Synod of Province II, gathered for a two day meeting at the Desmond Hotel in Albany, April 15-16. Province II is comprised of eleven Dioceses: Albany, Central New York, Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, Haiti, Long Island, Newark, New Jersey, New York, Rochester, Virgin Islands and Western New York. Bishops from each of the dioceses and their Deputies were in attendance.


The Synod meeting began with a luncheon, followed by an order of business which was comprised of committee reports, elections of officers, the triennium budget, and reports from the President and Vice President.

Workshops on a variety of topics were offered. Entitled: “Sanctuaries”, “Sex Trafficking”, “Are You A Beloved Community?”, and “Dalit Christians”, topics specifically chosen as they are expected to be addressed at General Convention.

The Rev. Gay Jennings, President of the House of Deputies, The Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, Executive Officer of the General Convention, and the Rev. Mark Beckwith, Bishop of Newark, spoke on the upcoming Convention. Joining the group for a brief appearance was the Mayor of Buffalo, New York, Byron W. Brown (a photo of Mayor Brown standing with the Episcopal Bishop of Western New York, The Rt. Rev. R. William Franklin, appears in this article).

Two lengthy Resolutions were proposed and approved by members of Province II; one that the 79th General Convention “reject and deplore racial and unjust treatment of immigrants of any residential status”, and the other, an already pre-filed Resolution PF013 for the Convention, that the Episcopal Church stand firm “against human trafficking”.

Just before the conclusion of this year’s Province II meeting, The Most Rev. Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, was presented in a video where he extended an “invitation” to all in attendance to join him at this year’s 79th General Convention, which will be held in Austin, Texas, July 5 – 13. (Editor’s note: Synod meetings are held every three years, approximately three months prior to the Episcopal Church’s General Convention which are also held every three years.)

The meeting ended mid-afternoon on Friday, allowing time for the attendees to return home for weekend Services.
On March 17th, 2017, on the Feast of St. Patrick, Bishop William Love led the dedication of the new Oaks of Righteousness worship center and chapel in north central Troy. That day was especially chosen as the chapel was dedicated to the Irish missionary bishop, St. Patrick.

At the 2017 dedication, Mtr Hunter noted that one thing was missing. She said, “I wish we had a bell like the glorious old bells in St. Patrick’s to ring each Sunday and let people know God is alive in the neighborhood.” One of their philanthropists said nonchalantly, “‘Oh,” I have a bell. Would you like it?” He also had an unused church bell and a big metal Celtic cross to hang outside the rectory that he was willing to donate to Oaks. Soon after, the cross was hung outside the rectory, but the bell, weighing several hundred pounds, would need an appropriate structure to hold its enormous weight, and have the ability to be rung with ease. That effort would require more time for careful planning and execution.

One young man, 17 year old Stephen J. Roy II, cheerfully volunteered to take on the task of building the structure, as he was seeking a worthy project to obtain his Eagle Scout award. A senior at Lansingburgh High School, he is a member of Trinity Church, Lansingburgh and the Twin Rivers Council, BSA. He is no stranger to the Diocese of Albany, as his service to the Lord Jesus Christ has been expressed in a number of ways, including a Counselor in Training (CIT) at Beaver Cross.

Now, after one year’s labor, on March 21, 2018, the bell tower was completed and installed with a formal dedication led by Bishop William Love and joined by more than 50 members and friends of “Oaks”. Bishop Love announced that the new inner city bell be named after the prophet, “Nehemiah”.

[“A prophet during the time of Persian rule over Judea, Nehemiah returned to Jerusalem from the exile into Babylon many years earlier to finish building the wall around the city. The Work had been started under Zerubbabel and Ezra years earlier but discouragement, poverty and adversity from the current inhabitants halted the work. Nehemiah came and finished the work on the wall in 52 days in spite of threats, accusations of treason and assassination attempts.”]

Stephen was asked to be the first to ring the newly installed bell, that brought a joyful and welcoming sound that could be heard all through north central Troy. Others followed in taking turns to ring the new bell. “Oaks” (as many call it) lies amidst the poorest and probably most dangerous section of Troy’s inner city, a section of the city that most people normally avoid. Mothers Christina and Hanna, believed that their mission was to tend to the poor, the downtrodden, victims of crime and addiction to make this “a worshiping community that seeks to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to children and adults.” They began their ministry renting the old M&M diner.

Today, the old M&M Diner is gone, and the Oaks of Righteousness Worship Center occupies a new and larger building of its own in north central Troy, thanks to a $100,000 gift from Trinity Church, Watervliet, and the free gift of the former three-story St. Patrick’s rectory to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany to the Episcopal Diocese of Albany. The new bell is the culmination of a long nine-year effort.

At the close of 2016, Mother Hannah resigned her position at Oaks of Righteousness to pursue her doctorate degree, but still remains active at “Oaks” when her schedule permits. Mother Christina’s husband, The Rev. Paul Hunter, no stranger to Albany’s inner city ministry, resides there with his wife and their young daughter, Martha, and continues this inner city ministry.

The “Oaks” has become a shining example of how a faithful few can make a big difference in bringing the “Word” to people in the inner city. And, today, there is a new bell, which will ring loudly over north central Troy. May its tolling encourage those who have not yet discovered a relationship with the Lord, to hear the ringing, follow the sound, and discover new enlightenment in their lives.
The gathering

Nehemiah

Stephen II joined by parents Stephen and Beth Roy

The Oaks Café

“Nehemiah” and Stephen

Stephen and Bishop Love

Blessing of the bell, “Nehemiah”

Stephen, Senior Patrol Leader

The Dedication

“Joining in the ringing”
On Wednesday December 2, 1868, The Rt. Rev. Horatio Potter (Bishop of New York) addressed the 61 clergy and 124 Lay Delegates gathered together at St. Peter’s Church, Albany for the first, or Primary Convention of the Diocese of Albany. In his sermon at the opening service, Bishop Potter said, “And on this most interesting day, the dawning of a new era for you, my dear Brethren, when we begin to put together the framework and to erect the superstructure of a new Diocese, we say, over all, the words of faith, devotion and earnest prayer, ‘In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost,’ and we proclaim to all who have ears to hear, the one holy Rock on which we mean to build, whether in the work of our own personal salvation, or in the work of this now-to-be-organized Diocese, this definite and independent portion of our Branch of the One Holy Catholic Church, ‘Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.’” (I Corinthians 3:11).

On December 3rd, (the second and final day of the Convention), The Rev. William Croswell Doane, Rector of St. Peter’s Church, was elected on the 9th ballot from a slate of 17 candidates, as the 1st Bishop of Albany. With the election of their first bishop and the official formation of Albany as a separate and independent diocese, the people and clergy of the Diocese of Albany began a journey of faith in obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ, which continues to this day, and by God's grace will continue until our Lord returns.

While much has changed these past 150 years, the one thing that has remained constant is the solid foundation upon which the Diocese is laid – Jesus Christ! It is only fitting that the theme for this year's 150th Diocesan Convention is: “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever!” (Hebrews 13:8)

It is my great honor and privilege to invite each of you -- the people of the Diocese of Albany (men, women and children) to join me and your fellow Brothers and Sisters in Christ for Albany’s 150th Diocesan Convention scheduled for Friday June 8th through Sunday June 10th, at Camp of the Woods in Speculator, NY. This year we are especially blessed to have with us for the first time, our Presiding Bishop, the Most Reverend Michael Curry. ++Presiding Bishop Curry will be the guest speaker at Saturday morning’s Plenary Session at 9:00 a.m. and the guest preacher at the Convention Eucharist, Saturday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. In addition he will be the Celebrant at Sunday morning’s Youth Mass.

Other special guests joining us this year include our dear friends: Bishop Harold and Liz Miller (Bishop of Down and Dromore, Northern Ireland); Bishop David and Rita Parsons (Bishop of the Arctic); Bishop Fanuel (Bishop of Northern Malawi); and Bishop Todd and Rev. Patsy McGregor (Bishop of Toliara, Madagascar). We are always richly blessed by their presence and strong Christian witness. Each of the Bishops will be part of the Saturday afternoon Plenary Session which will focus on how God is using the laity for ministry in each of their dioceses.

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One of the many special events planned for this year will be the procession of diocesan and parish banners at the Saturday afternoon Eucharist. It is our hope that a representative from each parish in the Diocese will carry a specially designed banner representing their parish in the opening procession. One other highlight will be the presentation of the Diocese of Albany’s Special 150th Anniversary Booklet. Every person and every Parish attending the Convention will receive a booklet.

The Diocesan Convention is truly a family event with plenty to do for young and old alike: day care and Vacation Bible School (VBS) for the younger kids; the Youth Rally for the Junior and Senior High kids; a variety of wonderful workshops (mostly focusing on various parish and lay ministries); two plenary sessions; Spirit-filled worship; beautiful music (traditional and contemporary); excellent preaching; a time for prayer and healing ministry; Christian fellowship with family and friends from around the Diocese and the wider Anglican Communion; entertainment and recreation, all in a beautiful Adirondack setting.

Please plan on joining us for what we pray will be a powerful Holy Spirit – filled weekend. If you have not yet registered, you may do so on the New Diocesan Website: www.albanyepiscopaldiocese.org.

Faithfully Your Brother in Christ,

+ Bill
The Most Reverend Michael Bruce Curry,
Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church

“Being a Christian is not essentially about joining a church or being a nice person, but about following in the footsteps of Jesus, taking his teachings seriously, letting his Spirit take the lead in our lives, and in so doing helping to change the world from our nightmare into God’s dream.” – Michael Curry, Crazy Christians: A Call to Follow Jesus

The Diocese of Albany extends a warm and hearty welcome to The Most Reverend Michael Bruce Curry, the 27th Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church, and his wife, Sharon, on their visit to this year’s 150th Anniversary Diocesan Convention.

The Most Reverend Curry was elected and confirmed at the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church in Salt Lake City, UT, on June 27, 2015, and installed as Presiding Bishop on November 1, 2015. He is also Chief Pastor and serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society and chair of the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church.

Born in Chicago, IL, on March 13, 1953, Presiding Bishop Curry attended public schools in Buffalo, NY, graduated with high honors from Hobart College in Geneva, NY, in 1975, and received a Master of Divinity degree in 1978 from Yale University Divinity School in New Haven, CT. He has furthered his education with continued study at The College of Preachers, Princeton Theological Seminary, Wake Forest University, the Ecumenical Institute at St. Mary’s Seminary, and the Institute of Christian Jewish Studies.

He was ordained to the diaconate in June 1978 at St. Paul’s Cathedral, Buffalo, NY, and to the priesthood in December 1978, at St. Stephen’s, Winston-Salem, NC. He began his ministry as deacon-in-charge at St. Stephen’s, Winston-Salem, in 1978 and was rector from 1979-1982. He accepted a call as rector at St. Simon of Cyrene, Lincoln Heights, OH, serving from 1982-1988. In 1988 he was called to become rector of St. James’, Baltimore, MD, where he served until his election as the 11th Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina in February 2000.

Throughout his ministry, Presiding Bishop Curry has been active in issues of social justice, speaking out on immigration policy and marriage equality and had extensive involvement in Crisis Control Ministry. He has been the founder of ecumenical summer day camps for children, preaching missions, the Absalom Jones initiative, and created networks of family day care providers, educational centers, and the brokering of millions of dollars of investment in inner city neighborhoods. Presiding Bishop Curry has served on the boards of a large number of organizations, including the Task Force for Reimagining the Episcopal Church (TREC) and as Chair and now Honorary Chair of Episcopal Relief & Development.

Presiding Bishop Curry has a national preaching and teaching ministry, having been featured on The Protestant Hour and as a frequent speaker at conferences around the country. He has authored numerous publications. His most recent book, Songs My Grandma Sang, was published in June 2015; Crazy Christians: A Call to Follow Jesus was his first book, in August 2013. He has received honorary degrees from Episcopal Divinity School, Sewanee, Virginia Theological Seminary, and Yale.
The Most Reverend Justin Badi Arama, Archbishop of Juba and Primate of the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

On January 20, 2018, Bishop Arama, a South Sudanese Anglican bishop, was elected Archbishop of Juba and Primate of the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan, then enthroned as the province’s fifth Archbishop and Primate on April 22, 2018. Since 2001, he had been the Bishop of the Diocese of Maridi.

The Diocese of Maridi is situated in Western Equatoria, due west of Juba, the capital city of South Sudan and shares a southern border with DR Congo. The diocese also shares a companion relationship with the Diocese of Albany. Confirmed in the Anglican faith at the age of 16, his father gave him three gifts, a Bible, a pen and a hoe, and told him that he had to use all three effectively if he wanted to be a good friend of Jesus. As a result, he has had a life-long commitment to education, the Gospel ministry and agriculture.

He was ordained an Anglican priest in 1995 and served as cathedral dean, archdeacon and diocesan secretary, before being elected the second bishop of the Diocese of Maridi in 2001. The new Archbishop said in a statement, that the top of his agenda will be to unite the church in the country. He said, “As I come, my vision is that Christians in South Sudan should see themselves as brothers and sisters.” Bishop Arama married Modi Joyce in 1984, and together they have four children, two boys and two girls.

After winning the election to Archbishop, Bishop Arama was asked about the ongoing civil war in the Sudan. He responded, “[It] was a challenge for the church and for somebody coming into a leadership position at this time, but we feel that maybe this is what God has called us ready for such a time; with experience and God’s guidance we will make all the effort to have a united people and change the hearts of people that they might embrace peace and work for real reconciliation and unity – not just political reconciliation.”

The Rt. Rev. David and Rita Parsons, Bishop of the Arctic

We welcome back The Rt. Rev. David Parsons, Bishop of the Arctic, and his wife, Rita. In 1979, God called David and Rita out of the world and into a personal relationship with Jesus. Previously nominal Christians who had been greatly influenced by the universalistic worldly ideologies and philosophies of the culture of the 1950s - 60s, God the Holy Spirit began a work of transformation and discipleship training that continues to this day. Known as nomads for Christ, they not only travel the one and a half million square mile Diocese of the Arctic with a membership of 95,000, but all of Canada, parts of USA, Europe, Africa, Central America, Malaysia, New Zealand and Australia.

Their ministries have included: Arctic Missions, Incumbencies to All Saints Aklavik and Church of the Ascension Inuvik, Chaplaincy at Toronto’s Don Jail, Toronto Jewish Mission, Saint John Seafarer’s Mission Seafarer’s, NAMMA, Children and Teens Ministry with Children’s Day Home, Inuvik Child Development Center, JAM (an after school program) and TEC (Teens Encounter Christ). They are also part of Discipleship training teams for parish mission outreach, door to door evangelism and Home Groups, Mission Outreach, FGBMFI, Church Army’s Atlantic Evangelist and Missioner, SOMA Board and team member, Social Ministries Live in Manager/Administrator of Anglican Center Hospital Hostel, Diocese of Fredericton Refugee Coordinator. Parents of three sons who know and serve Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, their youngest is married with two children.
The Rt. Rev. Harold and Liz Miller Bishop of Down and Dromore

We welcome back two old friends of the Diocese of Albany, The Rt. Rev’d Harold Miller, Bishop of the Diocese of Down and Dromore, in Northern Ireland, and his wife, Liz. Bishop Harold was born and raised in Belfast, and during the early years of the Troubles in Northern Ireland, attended Trinity College in Dublin. His time in Dublin gave him the ability to see the political situation from differing angles. During his vacations from school, he traveled to many places, including the United States and what was then Communist Czechoslovakia.

After ordination, and six years as Director of Extension Studies and Chaplain at St. John’s College in Nottingham, Bishop Harold became Chaplain at Queen’s University from 1984-1989. He was also a parish rector in County Cork for eight years, during which time he was made canon of St Fin Barre’s Cathedral in Cork, and of Cloyne Cathedral, and later of St Patrick’s, the National Cathedral, in Dublin. He has been Bishop of Down and Dromore since 1997. His diocese is one of the two biggest dioceses of the Church of Ireland, with about 64,500 Church of Ireland people, 100 clergy and 77 parish units.

Bishop Harold is the author of numerous publications and is involved in many projects within and beyond the Church of Ireland, including Summer Madness, an event the youth of our diocese have participated in in the past. In the first five years of the new millennium, he led the diocese in a programme called Think again, which focused on the three key priorities of reconciliation, outreach and young people.

The Rt. Rev. Fanuel Emmanuel Chioko, Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Northern Malawi

We welcome back Bishop Magangani for another visit to Albany’s Diocesan Convention. Bishop Magangani was consecrated by ten bishops of the Church of the Province of Central Africa during a five and a half hours service at the football stadium in Mzuzu on November 7, 2010. Before becoming bishop, he served five years as Dean of St. Peter’s Cathedral on Likoma Island. Bishop Fanuel learned English as a second language grown up as a schoolboy and educated at Zomba Theological College and Mzuzu University. He has been studying at Nashotah House, Wisconsin, the past few summers as he works on his doctorate degree. He not only speaks English, but is able to communicate in 10 different dialects to serve his parishioners as he travels to rural areas where the reach of the Malawi government does not extend where “the church becomes the de-facto provider of services.” That includes educating farmers, who suffered through a terrible drought in 2002, plus helping provide needed medicine, and working out solutions for food and water shortages. In his address to the 2013 synod, he said, in part, “We need to ask ourselves if indeed we are growing in our knowledge and love of God as well as standing on our feet to respond to the mission that God is always calling us to do. We need to ask ourselves whether we are moving along or just wandering around as the Children of Israel in the wilderness.”
The Rt. Rev. Todd and Rev. Patsy McGregor, Bishop of Toliara

Returning to Albany and this year’s Diocesan Convention, we welcome back The Rt. Rev. Rev. Todd McGregor and his wife, The Rev. Patsy McGregor. Bishop Todd was consecrated the first bishop of Toliara at St. Laurent’s Anglican Church in Antananarivo, Madagascar on December 10th, 2006. Patsy was ordained a priest on September 3rd, 2006, by Archbishop Benjamin Nzimbi, Anglican Church of Kenya.

In 2013, Bishop Todd was enthroned as the first Diocesan Bishop of Toliara. He is originally from Vermont. Patsy is originally from Florida. While at seminary, and teaching adult Sunday school at St. David’s Episcopal Church in Glenview, Illinois, they spoke about the importance of going to the least reached places in the world. As they taught and processed the lessons, they decided that they would serve the “least of these” in Madagascar. In 1991, they began as a pioneer missionary family, beginning their work in the city of Antananarivo, Madagascar. They continue to serve in the most remote and poorest southern territories of the island. Bishop Todd serves with an emphasis on evangelism and discipleship. Patsy serves as a priest and is developing a women’s training center. Their ministry has grown from 1 church building and 11 worshiping communities in 2006, to over 70 Churches and a Cathedral today! Together, they coordinate the Anglican Church in an area the size of the State of Florida, focusing on raising up and training leaders to serve churches all over the vast region. The people of Madagascar have many struggles, sometimes just to find water, yet they find hope in the ministry that the McGregors provide.
Overview of nominations on file with the Secretary of the Diocese

( as of April 17, 2018)

Offices to be filled by Plurality Voting:

The Great Cathedral Chapter
1 priest and 1 lay office to be filled, each for three-year terms.
The Rev. Judith Malioneck
Amy Lewis

Convention Representative to Diocesan Council
1 lay office to be filled for a two-year term.
Penny Belton

Trustees of the Diocese
2 offices (priest, deacon, and/or lay) to be filled, each for four-year terms.
Thomas Easterly
Nancy Priputen Madrian

Offices to be filled by Votes by Orders:

The Disciplinary Board
1 clerical (priest or deacon) and 1 lay offices to be filled each for three-year terms
Both Clerical offices are open at this time.
The Rev. Jacob J. Evans
Sue Ellen Ruetsch
The Rev. Paul Carney

The Standing Committee
2 Clerical (priest or deacon) and 2 lay offices to be filled, each for three-year terms
The Rev. Scott Garno
Christopher Cassidy
The Rev. Elizabeth Papazoglakis
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Nominees for Elective Office

Original documents on file with the Secretary of Convention

**Penny Belton**

Nominated for Lay Convention Representative to Diocesan Council
Nominated by The Rev. Colin Belton
Seconded by Brett Scott, St. Sacrement, Bolton Landing

Penny currently serves as Lay Diocesan Representative to Diocesan Council and looks forward to serving again for another term, if so elected. She has served in many ministries in the various churches that she has attended. She moved to this Diocese in 2008 from Western Canada and currently lives in Bolton Landing where her husband serves as the parish Priest.

**The Rev. Paul Carney**

Nominated for Disciplinary Board Member
Nominated by The Rev. Stephen Schlossberg
Seconded by Jennifer Firth, St. John’s, Troy

The Rev. Paul M. Carney is currently a Deacon at St. John’s in Troy New York. He is married to his wife Marilyn and has two grown children Paul A. Carney and Sarah E. McClane. Rev. Carney has prior service on the Disciplinary Board and Commission on Ministry. He has facilitated and been on several discernment teams. Rev. Carney is employed as a Police Officer in the City of Troy, New York. He is in his 42nd year in the department. He currently serves as Chaplain for the Department and has served as Chaplain at Samaritan Hospital.

**Christopher Cassidy**

Nominated for Standing Committee Member
Nominated by The Ven. Dr. Harvey Huth
Seconded by The Rev. Scott Garno

Christopher Cassidy has been a parishioner at St. Stephen’s in Delmar since the late ‘90s. He has been married to his wife, Debby for nearly 38 years. Together they have three adult sons, three daughters-in-law and soon to be five grandchildren. Chris has served as Lector, Vestry member, Senior Warden, Finance Committee Chair, Search Committee Co-Chair and Bible Study Leader. He is currently employed by Wells Fargo Advisors as a Senior Vice President. Chris lives with his wife in the hamlet of Slingerlands.

**Thomas Easterly**

Nominated for Trustee of the Diocese
Nominated by The Rev. Canon Robert Haskell
Seconded by The Ven. Dr. Leander Harding

Tom Easterly is currently an agent with the New York Life Insurance Co. He lives in Albany NY with his wife Sally. The Easterlys are formerly from Johnstown where Tom was employed at a family textile manufacturing firm for 30 years. He received his undergraduate degree from Clarkson University and a MBA from Syracuse University. Tom served two rotations of vestry, junior and senior warden at St John’s Church in Johnstown followed by 8 years as treasurer. Currently Tom is a parishioner at the Cathedral of All Saints in Albany where he serves as Treasurer. Additionally, Tom is a member of the stewardship commission, the medieval fare committee and an usher. He has also served on the covenant committee with the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception where his wife attends. He has also served as a board member, treasurer, and president of the National Alliance on Mental Illness in NY State.

**The Rev. Jacob J. Evans**

Nominated for Disciplinary Board Member
Nominated by The Rev. John Cairns
Seconded by The Rev. Matthew Stromberg

Fr. Jacob is currently the Priest in Charge at St. Matthew’s Latham, NY. Jacob was ordained to the Priesthood in January 2015, and prior to the call to St. Matthew’s served at All Saint’s Round Lake with Fr. Scott Evans. Prior to Ordination Jacob served at St. George’s Clifton Park and this is where is he answered the Lord’s Call for Ministry. Jacob, his wife Carlene, and two children moved to Ballston Lake 15 years ago and has been on a blessed journey serving the Lord.

**The Rev. Scott Garno**

Nominated for Standing Committee Member
Nominated by The Ven. Dr. Harvey Huth
Seconded by The Rev. Justine Guernsey

Fr. Scott currently serves as rector of St. Stephen’s, Delmar. He joined St. Stephen’s in May 2017 after 11 years at St. Matthew’s, Unadilla. Fr. Scott just completed his first term as a member of the Standing Committee and would be honored to serve another term. He has also represented the diocese at General Convention four times (5th coming up in July). Fr. Scott is a Diocesan Spiritual Director for Cursillo and served 5 years on the Diocesan Council. Fr. Garno is married to Sarah (15 years) and they have four children: Josiah (with the Lord), Samuel, Maria, and Tobias.
Amy Lewis
Nominated for Member of The Great Cathedral Chapter
Nominated by The Rev. Paul Hunter
Seconded by The Rev. Matthew Stromberg
Amy Lewis lives in Troy with her husband Glenn; both are communicants of Oaks of Righteousness in Troy. She works at the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance in downtown Albany. She is a regular, lector, and acolyte at the 12:05 Eucharist at the Cathedral and attends the theology reading group led by Dean Harding. Amy and Glenn are also members of St. Luke’s on the Hill, Mechanicville. St. Luke’s is sponsoring Amy for the diaconate, and she is on the board of the St. Luke’s Recovery Resource Center and a member of the Diocese of Albany Recovery Commission.

The Rev. Elizabeth Papzoglakis
Nominated for Standing Committee Member
Nominated by The Rev. Laurie Garramone
Seconded by The Rev. Canon Robert Haskell
Ordained priest in 2010, Mother Elizabeth serves as Associate Rector of St. George’s in Clifton Park. She has served one term on the Standing Committee in this diocese. She has been a presenter with her husband, The Rev. Thomas Papzoglakis for the Parish Leadership Conference about Healthy Congregations and is a Healthy Congregations facilitator. She is in the final year of her Doctor of Ministry degree at Nashotah House Seminary. Mother Elizabeth has been married to Fr. Tom Papzoglakis for 40 years. They have three grown daughters and three grandchildren.

Nancy Priputen Madrian
Nominated for Trustee of the Diocese
Nominated by The Ven. Dr. Harvey Huth
Seconded by The Rev. Scott Garno
Nancy Priputen Madrian and her husband Bill are parishioners at St. Stephen’s, Delmar. She is a certified public accountant by profession specializing in audits of governmental entities and non-profits. While in public accounting, Nancy had the pleasure of traveling throughout the diocese performing individual parish audits. For the last 13 years she was employed as a corporate comptroller. Nancy retired from that position in April, 2017. Nancy just completed serving her first term as a Trustee of the Diocese. She enjoyed gaining knowledge in the duties and responsibilities of the position and the specific financial details that are the oversight of the trustees. She would be honored to be elected for another term and continue in service to the Diocese.

The Rev. Judith Malionek
Nominated for Clergy Member of The Great Cathedral Chapter
Nominated by The Very Rev. Nixon McMillan
Seconded by The Rev. Paul Hartt
The Rev. Judith Malionek earned her BA from Brown University, where she majored in Sociology and Religious Studies, and her M.Div. from Trinity School for Ministry. A cradle Episcopalian, she has worked professionally in crisis intervention with families, Christian journalism, education, and liturgical music. She currently serves as Curate at Saint Paul’s in the City of Albany. She has been married to The Rev. Tom Malionek for more than 30 years; they have two grown children.

Sue Ellen Ruetsch
Nominated for
Nominated by The Rev. Anne Curtin
Seconded by The Rev. Mark Chesnut
Sue Ellen grew up in Syracuse, NY and has been a registered nurse for 44 years. She recently retired from the NYS Office of Mental Health. Sue Ellen attends Calvary Church in Burnt Hills, where she has been involved in Alpha, Stewardship, Crown Financial Ministries, Daughters of the King, Vestry and Christian Education and Formation. Sue Ellen has been involved in Welcome Home Initiative, Cursillo and Healing a Woman’s Soul. She is the volunteer coordinator for the Diocesan Convention and a member of the Standing Committee and Disciplinary Board. She has also served as deputy to three General Conventions.
The Diocese of Albany
Students at Nashotah House

Four students from the Diocese of Albany are currently attending Nashotah House Theological Seminary in Wisconsin:

Robert Armidon, a member of the Cathedral of All Saints, Albany, is a first-year residential seminarian and Aspirant for Holy Orders. He aspires to become involved in parish ministry.

Deacon Randy Lukas, from Church of Our Saviour, Lebanon Springs, is in his second year of the two year Master of Ministry degree program, and hopes to graduate May 24th. Ordained Deacon in 2010, he is still discerning how he will best serve the Lord when he completes his studies.

Sonya Boyce, from St. John’s, Massena, is a postulant for Holy Orders and aspiring to the Priesthood on May 15th, 2017. She has been at Nashotah House Theological Seminary since July 2017 and hopes to complete a Masters in Ministry in May 2019 and enter into parish ministry.

Jennifer Dorsey, from St. Boniface, Guilderland, was admitted as a postulant for Holy Orders, aspiring to the Sacred Order of Priests. Currently in her 3rd semester at Nashotah House, when she attains her degree, she hopes to serve as a bi-vocational priest, dividing her time between ministry to young adults (college students) and a parish in need of a part-time rector.
Long term mission was never something I expected to do. To be honest, it wasn’t anything I had ever wanted to do. That said, last September I packed up my life and left everything and everyone I knew to board a plane bound for jolly olde England. I admit, London doesn’t sound like the most obvious mission posting. Regardless, the Episcopal Church’s Young Adult Service Corps program (YASC) had placed me for a year of service in the heart of the Anglican Communion. Surprisingly this means a small office on a sleepy cul-de-sac in west London. More surprising is how much a few individuals have taught me about mission, faith, Anglicanism, and about myself, in such a short time.

When I say the heart of the Communion is in London you might think of Lambeth Palace and the Archbishop of Canterbury. While we do work with Archbishop Justin Welby and his staff, we are a completely different office with a mission to support the ministry of all 39 provinces. A staff of 25, led by a secretary general, manages to finance the Communion, support its mission work, lead its ecumenical dialogues, fight against gender violence, provide development and relief, liaise with the United Nations, administer the Primates’ Meetings and Lambeth Conferences, and provide theological support. As for me, I am a part of the four-person communications team charged with communicating to the world who we are as Anglicans and introducing the various members of the Communion to each other through news, print media, and social media.

One of my most powerful experiences on the communications team was working on a story and wrote for the Anglican World quarterly magazine. I spent a month chasing down an Anglican priest in the northeastern corner of Mexico. When I finally learned the story of her ministry, it painted a bleak narrative. Children killed in accidental gunfire, a town held hostage by the cartels, corruption in local government and churches. After hours spent translating her emails into English and organizing my notes, I had to leave the office. It was difficult to get the horror of her story out of my head. But the somberness I felt was nowhere to be found in my contact’s communication. Instead, this woman was filled with an intense faith. She believed that if others knew her community’s story, and would lift them up in prayer, things would change. As I considered her conviction, I came to a deeper understanding of my own mission and time with the Anglican Communion Office and with YASC.

As excited as I was about my placement in the beginning, I struggled to think of it as a mission. As I settled in, I still couldn’t wrap my head around the concept. I felt too ordinary, too everyday to be a missionary. My life was incredible, and while I’d left behind everything to devote my time and gifts to serving God, it hardly felt like a sacrifice. Yet, I can only describe the work that happens in the Anglican Communion Office, mine included, as mission.

Theologian N.T. Wright says, “The church exists primarily for two closely correlated purposes: to worship God and to work for his kingdom in the world…. The church also exists for a third purpose, which serves the other two: to encourage one another, to build one another up in faith, to pray with and for one another, to learn from one another and teach one another, and to set one another examples to follow;
challenges to take up, and urgent tasks to perform. This is all part of what is known loosely as fellowship.” In other words, as much as Christ desires relationship with us as individuals, He desires that we have relationship with each other as well. There is no better description of my calling as a member of the communications team. We share stories around the Anglican Communion to build each other up, to learn from and teach each other, and to set examples for and challenge each other so that we can pray together and share in each other’s formation in Christ.

1 Peter 4:10 charges “Each of you should use whatever gifts you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” Part of the Young Adult Service Corps recruitment process focuses on discerning our spiritual gifts that can be used in the service of God and to build up fellowship around the Communion. I received my posting with the Anglican Communication Office because of my gifts of digital communications and storytelling: gifts that became evident and manifest in my work for the Diocese of Albany during my time at Beaver Cross and Christ the King Center. As I ride the London Underground to my office each morning, I feel like I am taking a piece of home along with me, knowing that I take the theological understanding, the active faith, and the communication skills that began back in the Diocese of Albany.

Over this last year, I’ve come realize that mission work never conforms to a single pattern. Mission is a response to God’s call, wherever that is, Albany or London or Madagascar. We are called to support each other, so that together we can represent Christ to the world. I’ll leave you with Hebrews 10:24-25: “And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”

Amelia Brown spent the last year working in marketing and communications for the Episcopal Diocese of Albany, its youth ministry Beaver Cross, and retreat center Christ the King Center. She has a B.A. in Politics and Religion, with a focus on Islam and International Law from Marlboro College, and an M.B.A. from Clarkson University. She is a member of St. Luke’s, Cambridge, and daughter of The Rev. Dr. Christopher Brown, a regular contributor to The Albany Episcopalian. You can learn more about Amelia and her mission by visiting her website: www.ameliayearwithyasc.weebly.com.
# Upcoming Diocesan Events

**May**

1. Pre-convention Information Meeting – St. Mark's Church, Malone
2. Standing Committee Meeting
3. Pre-convention Information Meeting – Church of the Messiah, Glens Falls
4. Trustees Meeting
5. Pre-convention Information Meeting – Cathedral of All Saints, Albany
6. Ascension Day
7. Commission on Ministry Meeting
8. Daughters of the King Provincial Assembly – Christ the King SLC
9. Pentecost

**June**

1. Standing Committee Meeting – if required
2. 150th Convention of the Diocese of Albany

**July**

1. General Convention, Austin, TX
2. Trustees Meeting

**September**

1. Postulants & Candidates Retreat – Christ the King SLC
2. Commission on Ministry
3. Standing Committee Meeting
4. Diocesan Council
5. Clergy Wives Conference
6. Missions Conference – St. John’s Church, Johnstown

**October**

1. Standing Committee Meeting
2. Holiness Conference
3. Clergy Conference Diocese of Down & Dromore (travel included)
4. Commission on Ministry Meeting
5. Healing Event featuring Judith McNutt
6. Trustees Meeting
7. Deacons Retreat – Christ the King SLC

**November**

1. Bible Symposium – Cathedral of All Saints
2. Standing Committee Meeting
3. Priests Retreat – Christ the King SLC
4. Commission on Ministry Meeting

**December**

1. Diocesan Council Meeting
2. Standing Committee Meeting
3. Commission on Ministry Meeting
4. Trustees Meeting
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- 5/7 - Standing Committee
- 5/8 - Trustees
- 5/9 - Soaking Prayer
- 5/12 - Commission on Ministry
- 5/12 - Spiritual Direction Seminar
- 5/13 - Mother’s Day Brunch
- 5/18 - Ecumenical Healing Service
- 5/19 - Day of Quiet and Healing
- 6/5 - The Rev’d Patsy McGregor to speak at Healing Service
- 6/13 - Soaking Prayer
- 6/23 - Ecumenical Healing Service
- 7/6-7 - Training for Veteran’s Ministry
- 7/11 - Soaking Prayer
- 7/21 - Ecumenical Healing Service
- 7/24 - Trustees
- 8/8 - Soaking Prayer
- 8/10-11 - Healing Prayer REFRESH
- 8/18 - Ecumenical Healing Service
- 8/23-26 - SHP L3
- 9/7-9 - Postulants & Candidates
- 9/8 - Commission on Ministry
- 9/15 - Ecumenical Healing Service
- 9/21-23 - Clergy Wives Retreat
- 10/2-3 - Holiness Conference
- 10/6-7 (&13-14) SHP L1  2-wknd class
- 10/11-14 - SHP L4
- 10/13 - Commission on Ministry
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May
6 Christ Church, Ballston Spa
13 All Saints Church, Round Lake
20 Pentecost – St. Augustine’s Church, Ilion
Centennial – St. Paul’s Church, Sidney
27 St. Paul’s Sidney

June
3 Trinity Church, Granville

July
To be determined

August
19 Gloria Dei, Palenville
Calvary, Cairo
26 St. Paul’s Church, Waddington

September
16 St. John’ Church, Copake Falls
30 St. Luke’s Church, Catskill

October
14 All Saints Church, Hoosick
21 Christ Church, Greenville

November
18 St. Andrew’s Church, Scotia

December
2 St. Andrew’s Church, Albany
9 St. Paul’s Church, Albany
16 St. Stephen’s Church, Schenectady
23 Bethesda Church, Saratoga Springs