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"As long as the Great Commission is at risk through the promotion and toleration of false teaching and immorality within the Anglican Communion (meaning The Episcopal Church and now, the Church of England), GAFCON must continue." --- Archbishop Wabukala, Primate of Kenya and Chairman of the GAFCON Primates Council, representing some 55 million Anglicans, including the ACNA, 24 Sep. 2014

"Freedom to disagree with the Bible is an illusory freedom; in reality it is bondage to falsehood." --- John R.W. Stott

With regard to the Church of England's contentious decision to consecrate women to the episcopate, our former Rector David Edman says "What 'need for each other' is being expressed when one body makes a theological determination so at odds with another that the separation merely grows? We have seen it coming for a long, long time, and our only option is to remain more committed than ever before to the Biblical and Traditional standards for church leadership."

"The Church of England has broken with 2000 years of history and tradition, not to mention Biblical revelation, in an effort to accommodate the secular spirit of the age. May God have mercy on His Church!" --- Fred Pinkston

A NEW ACNA? At any rate, "*new to you*", to use a familiar CHC phrase

Later this week, on October 9th at the Church of the Apostles in Atlanta Georgia, The Most Rev. Dr. Foley Beach will be invested as the second Archbishop of the ACNA Province, succeeding Bhp. Bob Duncan.

Taking office alongside Abp. Beach is our own Bhp. Dr. Ray Sutton, as the Dean of the Province, the number two position in the ACNA, now with more than 120,000 members.

In addition, Abp. Beach has appointed four additional Deans.

Dean of College Affairs, Bhp. Terrell Glenn, to assist with the management of the affairs of the College of Bishops, a group of 51 members. Glenn is also Missionary Bishop of the Diocese of the Western Gulf Coast.

Dean of Provincial Affairs, Bhp. John Guernsey, to assist with governance of committees, taskforces and ministries of the Province. Guernsey is also Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic.

Dean of International Affairs, Bhp. Bill Atwood, to assist in relationships with our Anglican partners, such as GAFCON, the Global South and missionary affairs. Atwood is Bishop Ordinary of the International Diocese. As many of you know, Bhp. Atwood has his office in Carrollton.

Dean of Ecumenical Affairs, Bhp. Ray Sutton, to continue his work of the past few years, to lead discussions with all organizations within Christendom with whom work is currently underway or hold the potential for cooperation, to bring order and harmony to the Body of Christ, through his church.

Also remember that Bishop Roy Grote, our Bishop Ordinary of the REC Diocese of Mid-America, has been elevated to the position of Presiding Bishop of the REC, succeeding retiring Leonard Riches.

Not only are we blessed to have Bishop Sutton as our Rector here at CHC, he continues as Bishop Coadjutor of REC Diocese of Mid-America, and has been appointed Vice President of the REC, in addition to the other new appointments in this article. His business card is now two feet long...and growing!

CHC...What a Busy Place...How the Scope of Our Calling is Broadening

What progress we have seen over the last decade at CHC. Our world is evolving much as the big vision we developed back then. A growing membership...new ministries...new facilities...new relationships...new responsibilities... Our world is no longer limited to what's happening day-to-day in the Parish. Many of our members and many of our activities stretch far beyond Muirfield Drive.

We've done our best, since our origin in 1963, to carry out the Great Commission of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ – "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." Matthew 28:19-20. And the Lord has responded by helping us bring so much of our planning to fruition.

Our educational contributions to the Dallas community, beginning with the Holy Communion Christian Academy, cannot be overstated. Added to that, we continue to increase our active role in REC's Cranmer Theological House, holding classes here at CHC, and our closer cooperation with the Dallas Theological Seminary. Moreover, we've seen nationwide participation in and acceptance of our annual Anglican Way Institute and, of course, the annual success of the parish's Vacation Church Camp.

HCW has devotedly sustained its longstanding outreach to Hope's Door and the Collinwood Care Center as does the St. James Brotherhood with Habitat for Humanity and the Seven Loaves Food Pantry. We are also developing and expanding our work in the community with such programs as the Acoustic Coffee House.

But are you aware that many of our members work in REC and ACNA roles. In addition to Bishop Sutton's many Diocesan and Provincial responsibilities, for example, Deaconess Mary Jane Mathieu works with the Anglican Deaconess Association and the REC Deaconess Committee on Women's Work; Chris Hoyt is at work with a committee to create an ACNA hymnal; John Mulvey is becoming a member of the REC Standing Committee; Bud Longueville is serving as the REC Treasurer; Virginia Bowers is a member of the Diocese of Mid-America Board of Trustees and I am a member of its Standing Committee.

Many of you know we lease portions of our buildings to Sar Shalom for their use on Saturdays. Sar Shalom is a Messianic Jewish congregation which observes Biblical teaching from a Jewish perspective. We are pleased to be able to help this group grow and develop.

Whether we realize it or not, we all participate in this work in one way or another. We all strive, in the words of the new ACNA Archbishop Foley Beach, “to bring order and harmony to the Body of Christ, through his church.”

Are we doing what an Anglican Parish should be doing? You bet we are...we should all be gratified, as our reach broadens, that we are working for the greater glory of Christ and Christians everywhere.

The Unbiblical Presumption in the Church of England’s Sexuality Statement

An article under this title was written by Fr. Julian Mann, the rector of the Parish Church of the Ascension, Oughtibridge, South Yorkshire, England. It appeared in David Virtue’s weekly newsletter* this week and is excerpted here. It very clearly itemizes the false teaching now being embraced by the Church of England, which seems to be following the U.S. Episcopal Church into apostasy -

The Church of England's media statement following the College of Bishops' “shared conversations” on sexuality last week is biblically unfaithful... Indeed, the Apostle John's First Epistle clearly teaches that true assurance depends on professing Christians' abiding in the truth of the apostolic message...

For all the Bishops' attempts to reassure orthodox Anglicans that the introduction of authorised services of same-sex blessing is not a foregone conclusion, this statement was... dogmatic in its view of revisionist church leaders. It strongly implies that it would be sinful to treat a convinced revisionist as an opponent because he or she must be a real Christian on the basis of their self-perception.

But this approach flagrantly disregards the biblical fact that departing from the New Testament's teaching that sex is exclusively for heterosexual marriage... is wrong.

According to 1 John, that is how false teachers are identifiable – by their rejection of Gods’ revealed apostolic truth. Such men and women are not in fellowship with Christ's authorized witnesses and are therefore not in fellowship with the Father and Son. Such teachers need to be opposed not affirmed. It is unbiblical presumption to think that we can have the Lord Jesus in our lives if our minds and hearts are divorced from the authentic apostolic message...

Blessings,

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