



January 2011

An Earthquake, a Referendum, and the Epiphany of Jesus

A word from the Bishop

The Rt. Reverend Michael B. Curry

It occurs to me that January 6th, the Feast of the Epiphany, may provide just the framework we need to respond to Haiti and the Sudan. Let me explain what I mean.

Beginning January 9th a referendum will be held in the Sudan that will determine the future of that of the peoples of that land. There is very real danger of violence and even civil war. Our Presiding Bishop, the Most

Reverend Katherine Jefferts Schori and the Archbishop of the Episcopal Church of Sudan, the Most Reverend Daniel Deng Bul, have asked Episcopalians to pray for Sudan at this time.

January 12th will be the anniversary of the earthquake that killed over 200,000 people in Haiti. I want to thank the people of our diocese who have so generously contributed to the relief and now the rebuilding of Haiti.

January 6th is the Feast of the Epiphany. While that feast is most well known as commemorating the arrival of the Wise Men to worship the infant Christ there is more to it than that. The Wise Men have come to represent peoples of the world, all nations and ethnicities, "all sorts and conditions" of us, as our Prayer Books says. For in Jesus the love, the goodness and the justice of Almighty God has been fully revealed and made manifest as God's dream for the blessing of the entire human family. This is one of the deeper messages of the Epiphany.

This January let us pray that the love, the goodness and the justice that has been revealed in Jesus will now be made real for the people of Haiti as they seek to rebuild their land, and for the people of Sudan as they vote in referendum on their future.

God Bless the people of the Sudan, of Haiti, and the entire human family.

Keep the faith,
+Michael

Resources for Sudan

Visit www.episcopalchurch.org/sudan/ for videos, resources, prayers and ways to get involved with Sudan.

195th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina

REFLECTING THE RADICAL WELCOME OF JESUS BY BEING A CHURCH FOR OTHERS

Friday, Jan. 21, through
Saturday, Jan. 22, 2011

M.C. Benton Jr. Convention Center
Winston-Salem, NC

Watch Convention Online

The 195th Convention will be broadcast live. Last year was the first year the Diocese attempted a live feed. As with any first-time endeavor, there were some technical difficulties due to bandwidth availability at the conference center during the first live web feed that we hope to have worked out for this year's convention.

Find the link to the live web feed online at www.episdionc.org.

NETSFORLIFE Parish Rep Reminder

A Diocesan-Wide NetsforLife Campaign will kick off at Convention in partnership with Episcopal Relief and Development. The goal is to provide 40,000 mosquito nets - one net representing each confirmed communicant in the Diocese of North Carolina. Each net can mean protection for three people, in most cases children, from mosquitoes and ultimately from malaria.

This campaign is voluntary and will take place as scheduling works for each parish throughout the 2011-2012 year. Bishop Curry has asked churches to let either Reid Joyner (erd-nc@hotmail.com) or Debra Smithdeal (nchivaid@aol.com) know if and when they will be participating in this campaign before convention. In addition, churches should identify a Nets Representative who will coordinate the campaign for your parish. A description for that role is on the campaign's website: <http://netsforlife.dioncmdg.org/>.



Pre-Convention Information Booklet Available Online

The pre-convention information booklet for the upcoming 195th Annual Convention is available online in pdf format. A copy of this booklet will be mailed to clergy and lay delegates.

The following information can be found inside the booklet:

- * Convention Timeline
- * Announcements
- * Nomination Information
- * Proposed Resolutions
- * Rules of Order
- * Committee Reports

Find this information, links to registration, and all other convention information at www.episdionc.org under 2011 Annual Convention.

January Pre-Convention Meetings

The final pre-convention convocation meetings prior to Convention are as follows:

- Jan. 5: Raleigh** – St. Michael's, Raleigh, 7 pm
- Jan. 5: Sandhills** – Emmanuel, Southern Pines, 7 pm
- Jan. 6: Charlotte** – St. Martin's, Charlotte, 7 pm
- Jan. 10: Rocky Mount** – NEW LOCATION, Church of Our Saviour, Jackson, 7pm
- Jan. 10: Durham** – St. Luke's, Durham, 7pm
- Jan. 11: Winston-Salem** – St. Paul's, Winston-Salem, 7pm
- Jan. 11: Greensboro** – St. Andrew's, Greensboro, 7 pm

January Ordinations & Celebrations of New Ministries

- 9 Celebration of New Ministry, The Rev. Gaye Brown, 6:30 p.m. Galloway Memorial, Elkin, NC.
- 8 Ordination to Priesthood, The Rev. Gabriel Lamazares, St. Michael's Church, Portland, Oregon
- 15 Ordination to the Priesthood, The Rev. Sara E. Palmer, 11:00 a.m. St. Mary's Church, High Point, NC
- 16 Ordination to the Priesthood, The Rev. Sarah E. Blaies, 4:00 p.m. St. Patrick's Church, Mooresville
- 28 Ordination to Priesthood, The Rev. Kathy Rock Pfister, Church of the Good Shepherd, Austin, Texas
- 29 Ordination to the Priesthood, The Rev. Timothy W. Backus, Christ Church, Pensacola