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2 Corinthians 5:17

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
everything old has passed away; see, everything
has become new!

The Vicar's Viewpoint . . .

September 2010

Spiritual Formation is a process not a product. In the years leading up to my ordination as an Episcopal priest, I spent quite a bit of time exploring my identity as a Christian. During the process, I was asked a significant question: "Am I a human being walking a spiritual path or a spiritual being walking a human path?" As you explore this question determine for yourself how you understand each part. How are they different and alike? What makes a person a spiritual being? In most instances, a spiritual person seeks a personal experience with the Divine. In doing so, the individual explores the mystery that accompanies the experience. Thus, the process becomes engaged in asking questions: Who is God? Who am I? How am I related to God? What does God want from me? These questions and many more become part and parcel of the spiritual formation experience. The formation process requires a safe place for people to explore their faith and ask the questions they've been afraid to ask.

Over the past months, I've become familiar with a program produced by Morehouse Educational Resources, a division of Church Publishing Incorporated. It is called *Confirm not Conform*. In reviewing the materials offered, I have determined that it would be appropriate for me to use them as an adult education resource for the two churches I serve. So, beginning in September, I will be offering *Confirm not Conform*, or CnC as it is known, to both All Saints' and St. John's. The program will begin Tuesday, Sept. 14 at St. John's and Wednesday, September 15 at All Saints'. It is divided into sixteen lessons, half of which will be offered during Advent leading up to Christmas, and the remaining half, leading up to Easter. The program covers Bible study, creeds, the BCP, sacraments, and elements of the mysteries of the Christian faith lost in the mists of time. The 16 lessons fall into three broad categories: Belief, the Word, the Sacraments, and Practicing One's Faith. The goal of CnC is to help individuals recognize their own beliefs and give voice to their convictions.

Confirm not Conform is also a useful means for preparing an individual for Confirmation in the Episcopal Church. The original program was developed for youth as they prepared for Confirmation. The adult program is derived from the original and provides adults with an opportunity, or a second chance, to express their faith and expand themselves spiritually. Each lesson contains homework, an assignment to be completed between class sessions. In addition, adults will be asked to select a spiritual discipline to practice. The focus on spiritual disciplines underlies that faith is held not just in the head but in the heart, and that the integration of faith and daily life can strengthen both. Please join us each Tuesday or Wednesday at one of the Grand Valley Mission Partnership churches.

Blessings,

Father EJ

Notes from Nancy . . .

Summer, 2010

In Bob Dylan's hit-song version of the words of Ecclesiastes 3:1, he sang, "To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven." As we approach the fall equinox on the calendar, we notice the turning of the seasons. The days grow shorter. Sunrises are a bit later each week, and sunsets are a bit earlier. Nights are much cooler now, even though the days can be pretty warm. Soon the brilliant fall colors will explode all over the high country. The year is winding down, and the earth will be "shutting down," hunkering down, as winter comes.

Some people feel sadness at this time of year, but I don't. I love the fall! Beauty surrounds us, if only we open our eyes to notice it! Springtime's "a time to plant" has become fall's "time to pluck up what is planted." Farmers' markets overflow with peaches and other fresh fruit, wonderful sweet corn, and the kind of tomatoes most of us can only dream of in the winter. Life always seems SO good to me in the fall. It's the time when God tells me every day how much He loves me, and how many perfect gifts I am offered. Perhaps it was at this time of year that Isaiah wrote, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

When we get too wrapped up in perceived troubles, and gripe about the small inconveniences we run into to, I think it's time to stop, look around, and ponder the many, many blessings each of us has been given. I also need to work hard at following my own advice. I can be a worry-wart, obsessing about things over which I have no control. Sometimes my prayers are really just thinly veiled suggestions telling God how He should be running the world, at least my little part of it. So, I need to trade all of that for two simple prayers. The first is, "Thanks, God! I do so appreciate all you've given me." And the second is, "Be with me today, Lord; let me be a reflection of your love."

May you all have a wonderful autumn, aware of and wrapped in God's love.

Nancy Needs Acolytes . . .

Deacon Nancy is recruiting acolytes. Why don't you beat her to the phone. Give her a call before she calls **YOU!**



We Wish the following a Very Happy Birthday!

September - October

Ali Larison	9/9	Sandi Saxton	10/1
Wolfgang Hunter	9/17	Kenneth Heller	10/6
Jenny Nipper	9/24	Jo Darnall	10/12
Ed Rosendale	9/28	Dickie Calvert	10/13
		Mary Rosendale	10/19
		Alan Dillon	10/19
		Bonnie Smeltzer	10/19
		Liz Rosendale	10/29

Stewardship & Re-visioning . . .

Your Bishop's Committee has selected October 3rd as the kickoff date for the Stewardship Campaign of 2011. Soon a letter will be mailed to everyone to announce times and dates for your participation. The October 3rd date is especially important, as we will assemble after church to discuss a re-visioning plan for our part of our Mission Partnership. During October, stewardship messages will be presented by parishioners on Sundays. Then, on Monday November 1st, "All Saints' Day," we will gather at 6:00 pm for a celebration Eucharist and pot luck supper.

The Committee has been discerning during the last three months of meetings the future ministry for All Saints'. St. John's members attended our service in June and the two bishop's committees met afterwards to discuss our joint partnership and its future ministry. And we are attending their service on September 26th, at 8:15 am, with a brunch and joint meeting,

Thus, we want to gather in a church-wide meeting to bring everyone to the table to participate in our future together. Our lives together create a circle.

Please hold our work and the work of this church in your prayers and plan on saving the dates:

Sept. 26th, Sunday ~ St. John's Episcopal Church, 8:15 am, New Castle

Oct. 3rd, Sunday ~ All Saints' Episcopal Church, 10:30 am, and 12 Noon

Nov. 1st, Monday ~ All Saints' Episcopal Church, 6:00 pm

Our Beautiful Church . . .

This summer has been a busy time for our church outside and inside. Let's look outside and see the new scrubs and plants. Replacements were made to several areas and a few new faces appeared, including blue mist spireas, barberries, and black-eyed susans. Rocks are still moving around here. Not by themselves, but with the able hands of Dale and Betsy Leonard.. Watch your back Dale! Notice the new church sign and flag pole area. Jack Blankenship donated a bench to sit, relax and enjoy the flag and sunsets or sunrises. Exterior doors got a overhaul too, with scrapping, sanding, and painting. Interior of doors looked drab after the new color on the outside,so each got a new coat of white paint. Oh yea, reconnect some plants to the irrigation system, mow the back 40, and, of course, weed, EVERYWHERE!

Inside, pictures were taken to inventory our property requested by our insurance company. Nothing goes unnoticed by our Sexton. Thanks Dale.

The next big project is the Labyrinth. We will be scouting for more rocks, medium size, and laying down the foundation.

And nearby, some will be laying out a new garden of irises.

Come outside, and meditate amidst the beauty of God's creation! Right here at All Saints'

Bishop Committee's Update . . .

Minutes are kept in the notebook in the Narthex after approval at the next meeting.

Summary of Bishop's Committee Meeting, September 12, 2010

1. At-length discussion about the financial situation - a shortfall of income for 2011.
2. Jane Rivet is looking into a new church accounting system designed for use in smaller congregations.
3. Fr. EJ is initiating a confirmation/study class after the 6:00 pm Eucharist each Wednesday. Starts September 15. He will offering this same class at St. John's, Newcastle, each Tuesday evening.
4. On September 26, 8:15 am there will be a joint worship service with St. John's in Newcastle, followed by a joint Bishop's Committee meeting. There will be no service at All Saints' that day.
5. Deacon Nancy is seeking candidates to train as acolytes. We have only one acolyte. She is also looking for persons to be trained as chalice bearers.
6. Stewardship Campaign plans are made. Information will be out to parishioners within the week. Kickoff will be October 3. At that time the congregations will be asked to assist in the preparation of an informational document, "Re-visioning Our Future."

All Saints' Cookbook . . . May 2011

A committee formed of volunteers, Jean Proud, Jo Darnall, Bonnie Smeltzer, and Jane Rivet, met in July to discuss the feasibility of a cookbook. By the end of the meeting there was great excitement and many ideas flowing to produce a quality book that would include many delicious recipes from our church family and our friends. In addition, we decided to include the history of this church in word and in pictures.

The first task is to collect the recipes. So this is the first notice to all who receive this newsletter. You are invited to submit recipes and comments about the history. Enclosed is a handout for a recipe submission. Copy it and submit multiple recipes. Or just write down you recipe and it will be included in the format of the cookbook company. We welcome appetizers, salads, soups, main courses, desserts, snacks, kids meals, beverages, whatever. We will collect for a reasonable amount of time, and then we will ask you again, if we need more recipes. We hope to publish this in May 2011, just in time for the anniversary of our church. We will have a tasting party and invite all, including the community, to sample some of the recipes.

You know that church cookbooks are the best!

No Service at All Saints on Sept. 26th . . .

St John's worshipped with us in June, so we are heading there on the 26th of Sept. at 8:15 am, as they host us in worship, prayer, and brunch. Our bishop's committees will gather afterwards to continue our planning as a mission partnership. There will be no service at All Saints' that Sunday, so please make a note.

Important Dates to Remember . . .

September 25th ~ Bluegrass/Chili Festival ---5:00-7:30

September 26th ~ St. John's, New Castle, 8:15am

October 3rd ~ Stewardship/Re-Visioning Kick-off

October 9th ~ Saturday Breakfast 8:00-10:00

November 1st ~ All Saints' Feast Day, Eucharest and Potluck Celebration, 6:00 pm

Cookbook Recipe Form . . .

Name of Recipe _____

Category _____

Ingredients _____

Preparations _____

Submitted by _____



Dear Partners in Mission,

Thank you for your faithful prayers over the summer! Things do not always go as planned here, as noted with the failure of my website due to technical difficulties. Also for a variety of reasons the clinical supervision for the students will not be realized at this time in the form intended. Where does this leave me and this ministry? Listening to God and looking to God for continued guidance. Please pray with me in this!

Exciting progress is occurring for the ADR here in San Pedro. There is the ground breaking ceremony for the new facility, for which there have long been hopes! A large lot was donated where plans to build the special education school are underway. At some point in the future the facility will offer full rehabilitation services, while maintaining a satellite clinic in our current site. The new location is one block from where I live, which may also offer some benefits for the community of Santa Fe! The neighbors across the street from the lot watched the proceedings from their porch, happy that the lot will be occupied, enhancing their safety. I imagine there will be some job opportunities in the future as well, both with the facility and the informal sector. Please pray for fund raising and for the actual construction of the school.

This summer brought the short term mission team from St. Helen's in SC back to Santa Fe. This youth team worked hard with the local folks to put on a VBS for the kids, to paint the school, to tackle various school yard tasks and they played hard at basketball together. We are looking forward to their first medical/prayer team to come this fall. Please pray for this team and all short term mission teams coming to the DR, that their preparations be driven by local needs for development and relationship building with the people to facilitate greater opportunities to glorify God both here and back home!

I would like to share with you news of a change in the name of my sending agency. You may have received information from the office itself, but I wanted to give you my perspective. SAMS, formerly known as the South American Missionary Society has changed its name to the Society of Anglican Missionaries and Senders. This new name is a truer reflection of the agency. Now there are missionaries serving in Asia and other European countries as well. The new name removes the geographical constraints which the former name implied. The three key points are that we are: 1. Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed across cultures; 2: Serving in the global Anglican Church; 3: Supporting Episcopalians and Anglicans in mission.

In Christ,
Cathy

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