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THE KINGDOM CONFERENCE IS COMING!

The Power of Vision:
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MARCH 23-24
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The Anglican Church
in North America



*Affirming Biblical Authority
and Christian Orthodoxy
within the worldwide
Anglican Communion*

Learn practical, tangible ways to be part of growing the church! **Bishop Martyn Minns** is coming to inspire and motivate us about the power of vision as we look to receive more of God's vision for the parishes in our diocese.

Through workshops like *Healthy Church*, *Anglicanism 101*, *Christianity and the Culture*, and *Church Planting and Missions*, we'll learn how to carry the message of the Gospel with ease to others in our spheres of influence.

Dynamic teaching and worship will be offered to our children and youth throughout the weekend. Find more information, the brochure and registration online at www.westernanglicans.org. And we suggest: if you didn't make it last year, seek out a report from someone who did!

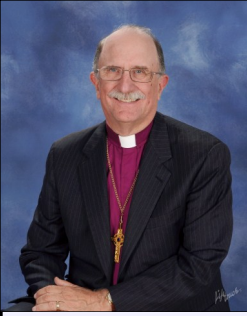
One of the great benefits of attending is having the opportunity to learn about sister churches throughout the diocese. Please note: We are asking each church to provide six photos that relate to life within your church community to the diocesan office, and invite you to bring a banner to represent your church, if able, during the conference as well. Volunteer opportunities for assisting throughout the weekend are available, and we invite inquiries regarding exhibiting products or services that fit within the theme or parameters of the conference. Information on all these topics can be found at the website: www.westernanglicans.org.



Plan to come as we join together in March; the **Power of Vision** is something not to be missed! God has great plans and vision for our Diocese, and you will want to be part of grasping this vision.



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BISHOP'S MESSAGE

From Bishop Bill Thompson

The Power of Vision

I am very excited about the 2nd annual Kingdom Conference scheduled for March 23-24. Those of you who were present last year know the blessings all of us received from the Lord. The theme of this year's Kingdom Conference is "The Power of Vision," for it is the vision that God imparts, as we seek to be faithful to His call, that will propel us forward for greater impact in Kingdom work, by the power of his Holy Spirit.

Many of us want to be a part of what the Lord is building in the Diocese of Western Anglicans, but we don't know what to do. Attending this year's conference will help to answer that question. This diocese must be built on the vision God has for us, in each of our respective places and collectively. At the Kingdom Conference, we are trusting God will, piece by piece, continue to build the vision as we listen to our keynote speaker and attend the multiple workshops, helping prepare us for the next steps forward as individuals and churches.

Are you ready? Are you committed? Are you His?

Come! Join with the family of the diocese and learn how to enter more fully into the vision that God is imparting to us!



Ordinations

God blessed the Diocese of Western Anglicans in January and February with the opportunity to celebrate and affirm God's call upon a number of persons as they were ordained to holy orders. Please keep these new clergy in your prayers.

On Saturday, January 21st, we were honored by the presence of The Right Reverend Terence Kelshaw as he ordained The Rev. Dr. Joyce Brooks of St. James Anglican Church, Newport Beach to the Priesthood.

The following persons were ordained as Deacons by Bishop Thompson:

*The Rev. Glen Baaten
St. James, Newport Beach, CA*

*The Rev. Barry Montgomery
Grace Anglican, Oceanside, CA*

*The Rev. DiAnne Charves
St. David's, North Hollywood, CA*

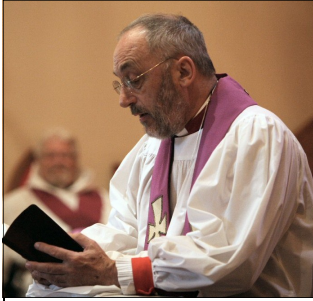
*The Rev. Lee Mullins
St. David's, North Hollywood, CA*

*The Rev. Peter Forbes
St. James, Newport Beach, CA*

*The Rev. Jamal Scarlett
Christ Church, Fallbrook, CA*

*The Rev. Cameron Lemons, Diaconate
Christ Church, Fallbrook, CA*

The Rev. George Miley was ordained Deacon at Christ Church, Phoenix, AZ on Thursday, February 2nd.



About Bishop Martyn Minns Kingdom Conference 2012 Keynote Speaker

Elected to serve as the founding Missionary Bishop of the Convocation of Anglicans in North America (CANA): June 28, 2006, Bishop Minns grew up in Nottingham, England, graduated with honors from Birmingham University, then worked for Mobil Oil corporation.

Sensing God's call to ordained ministry in the late 1960s while living in New York City and attending St. Paul's in Darien, Connecticut, Martyn and Angela Minns relocated to Virginia with their then four young children; Martyn earned the M.Div from Virginia Theological Seminary.

Minns returned to St. Paul's to serve as an associate rector, then led a church plant in Lafayette, Louisiana. He then served at All Angels in New York City, seeing God's radical inclusion and transformative love work in the lives of marginalized people, drug addicts, urban professionals, and Broadway artists.

He became rector of Truro Church in Fairfax, VA in 1991, continuing Truro's decades-long emphasis on partnering with Anglican leaders in the majority-world to work for social justice and spread the good news about Jesus Christ. In recognition for his work in worldwide missions, Minns was installed as an Honorary Canon of All Saints Cathedral, Mpwapwa, Tanzania.

Having a holistic view of Christianity, Bishop Minns helped to found Five Talents International, which grew out of the call of Anglican bishops at the 1998 Lambeth Conference to fight poverty in majority-world nations through micro-enterprise. Minns has also been active in the leadership of the Anglican Communion Network, the American Anglican Council, Church Army, and other Christian boards and agencies.

Under his leadership, Truro Church established the Lamb Center as a day-center for the homeless in Fairfax, expanded the work of Truro's International Programs and Services (TIPS) for immigrants and international students, planted several new daughter churches, and fostered ministries for Spanish-speaking, Arabic, and Chinese ethnic groups.

Martyn and Angela are the proud parents of five children and twelve grandchildren.

Bp. Martyn has stated:

In every place and in all our years of ministry, my wife Angela and I have attempted to lead and build communities of faith where the radical message of Galatians 3:28 is lived out: "There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." CANA is no different. It is a place where people of diverse backgrounds show the world that true unity is possible when we are connected by "one Lord, one faith, one baptism." (Ephesians 4:5).

The Church is flat!

From an essay by Bishop Martyn Minns

"One global organization that should be ideally positioned for... transformation is the Christian Church...small groups with a common vision, a common language of faith, and international networks that cross national boundaries. As often happens, initial flexibility was soon lost and replaced by more predictable and controllable structures and the early vision forgotten while waiting for another fresh wave of inspiration and creativity."



The Power of Vision

"We are witnessing such a new wave. A prime example is the Anglican Communion — an international community of more than 75 million in 164 countries, ordered into 38 separate provinces."

"What unites them is a vision for global Christianity; a commitment to a common language of faith and abiding friendships that connect across challenging cultural divides."

<http://www.freerepublic.com/focus/f-religion/1834283/posts> (accessed 12/20/11)

[American Anglican Council](#) ^ | May 3, 2007 | The Right Reverend Martyn Minns. Posted on Tuesday, May 15, 2007 9:33:27 PM by [Huber](#).

The Discipline of Worship

by Fr. Dennis Kelly, Interim Pastor, Anglican Church of the Resurrection, San Marcos, CA
Originally printed in the San Joaquin Anglican newsletter of the Anglican Diocese of San Joaquin, CA

The Seasons of Advent and Christmas are filled with such wonderful and awesome worship... but it begs the question: What is Worship? "To worship is to get caught up in the acknowledgment of God," said Father Duane Thibeuau. To worship is to touch reality, to break into the Shekinah of God. Worship is the human response to the divine initiative. Forms, rituals, and liturgies do not produce worship. They are tools available to us to enhance our worship.

Importance of Worship: If the Lord is to be the Lord in our lives, then worship must have its priority in our lives. True service comes out of true worship. Corporate worship provides a group-sized fire hose which the same number of individuals, worshipping apart, cannot provide. Worship should place us before God, so that he can transform us.

Preparing for worship: Worship requires us to gather with a holy expectancy. Cultivating holy expectancy consists of our practicing the presence of God on a daily basis. We must live throughout the week as an heir to the Kingdom of God. We must listen to and obey God. It would be well to arrive 10 minutes be-

fore a service to open oneself up before the Lord, to lift up those who will be conducting the worship, and to otherwise lift up those who need it.

Who Is the Leader? Human leadership is necessary and must not be shy. Yet, Jesus is the Leader in worship because he is present by his Holy Spirit to teach, guide, rebuke, and comfort. Whatever he teaches he gives power to do: healings should be common within the context of worship.

Other Suggestions:

Vary your worship experiences
(Holy Eucharist, Daily Offices, a Prayer and Praise Meeting, etc.)

Go to bed on time the night before worship.

Be yielded to being gathered
in the power of the Lord.

Cultivate a holy dependency on God.



Introducing the Worship Leader for Kingdom Conference 2012:

Jamie Brown

Associate Director of Worship and Music, The Falls Church, Virginia

Jamie Brown provides leadership and oversight to the worship teams at The Falls Church, VA, leading corporate worship in song at the Sunday informal service, as well as various other events and services.

Jamie grew up in Florida as a "preacher's kid", began playing guitar at the age of seven and leading worship at the age of 12. He attended George Mason University and earned a B.A. in Psychology. He is currently pursuing a Master of Arts in Religion through Reformed Theological Seminary. He married his wife, Catherine, in 2006, and they have two little girls, Megan and Emma.

Jamie authors a blog for worship leaders at www.worthilymagnify.com.

BRIDGES CURRICULUM REVIEW

Fr. Austin Mansfield, Rector of Christ the Redeemer Anglican Church in Yuma, AZ, provides a review of curriculum recently used at his parish to educate congregants about the Muslim faith.

Most evangelism training shows methods of sharing the good news of Jesus Christ from a Western perspective. It's natural, since we are immersed in Western culture, to use that frame of reference in our discussions and apologetics. Not everyone, however, views life from a Western perspective. That's what makes the Crescent Project's *Bridges* curriculum so extraordinary.

The six sessions total about two and a half hours, and provide a look at Christianity through the Eastern perspective of Fouad Masri, a Lebanese Christian who grew up in war-torn Beirut, and through other real-life stories and interviews.

Masri provides a history of Islam's rise, explaining some Islamic beliefs many Christians never learned. For example, Muslims believe in one God. They believe in angels and demons. They believe in the prophets Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jacob, Jesus, Job, Elijah, Jonah, and John the Baptist. Muslims also must believe and follow the Pentateuch, Psalms, and New Testament (called the "Injeel"). They also believe in Judgment Day.

Most Muslims have never read the New Testament, despite the Qur'an commanding them to do

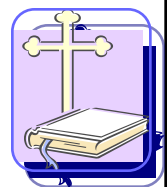
so, because they have been told the Bible has been corrupted. Masri points out the inconsistency in that logic: if the Pentateuch, Psalms, and New Testament were corrupted by humans, why isn't the Qur'an corrupted as well? And if humans could corrupt God's Word for six centuries, from the time of Christ to Mohammad, that makes humans more powerful than God, which is the ultimate blasphemy. Masri advises that when Muslims say the Bible has been corrupted, we should smile and say "Astaghfurallah!" (which means roughly, "God forbid"). Masri says that if done with a smile, we can discuss many theological issues with most Muslims. As ambassadors of Christ, our role is to bring his love to others and share his story. We don't make Christians; God does. With that in mind, Masri provides homework assignments for each session that involve finding a Muslim friend — someone with whom you can discuss Islam and its holidays / traditions.

The Injeel teaches five critical aspects of God to Muslims: 1) God is love; 2) God is holy; 3) God is just; 4) God is merciful; and 5) God is forgiving. These attributes are shown differently in the Injeel than in the Qur'an. The concept of salvation by grace is difficult for Muslims who are taught that God

punishes each person for his or her sins, and that punishing Jesus for someone else's sins is not just. Islam teaches that on Judgment Day our deeds are weighed on a scale, good on one side, bad on the other. If our bad deeds outweigh the good, we go to hell. If the good outweigh the bad, we go to paradise, unless Allah changes his mind. So, no Muslim knows for sure whether he or she will go to paradise. Muslims can only hope their good deeds outweigh the bad - and that God is in a good mood.

Masri argues this notion by comparing it to watching a friend's house while he's on vacation. You break your friend's television and light his couch on fire, but then mow the lawn and wash his car. Your good deeds do not negate the bad; his couch is still a pile of ashes in front of a broken television. Likewise, our good deeds do not erase our sins; only Christ's sacrifice for us can do that.

The *Bridges* curriculum includes a study book, two other books by Masri, and at just \$50 at www.crescentproject.org, it is affordable for every congregation. It's an excellent resource with an innovative approach and perspective that will enhance any evangelistic endeavor.



Bishop's Travels

February 2, 2012

Diaconal Ordination
Christ Church, Phoenix, AZ

February 4 and 5, 2012

Visitation: *Anglican Church of the Resurrection*
San Marcos, CA

February 9, 2012

Happy Birthday, Claudia Thompson!

February 11 and 12, 2012

Exec. Committee Meeting
St. James Anglican, Newport Beach, CA

February 14 - 16, 2012

Meeting, Northwest Bishops
Oakhurst, CA

February 25, 2012

Cursillo Grand Ultreya
Mission Viejo, CA

February 26 - March 1, 2012

Prayer Book and Common Liturgy
Task Force Meeting (ACNA), Columbia, SC

March 6 - 8, 2012

Anglican 1000: Plano, TX

March 12 - 14, 2012

Diocesan Clergy Retreat
Prince of Peace Abbey, Oceanside, CA

March 23 and 24, 2012

Kingdom Conference 2012
Mariners Church, Irvine, CA

March 29, 2012

Chrim Mass (Clergy)
All Saints Anglican Church, Long Beach, CA

March 31 and April 1, 2012 (Palm Sunday)

Visitation: *Christ the Redeemer Anglican*
Yuma, AZ

Diocesan Calendar

For more information,
please see the Events Calendar online at:
<http://www.westernanglicans.org/calendar.html>.

February 2, 2012

6:00 PM
Diaconal Ordination
George Miley
Christ Church, Phoenix, AZ

February 4, 2012

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Cursillo Secretariat Meeting
St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Tustin, CA

February 11, 2012

Executive Committee Mtg.
St. James Anglican Church, Newport Beach, CA

February 25, 2012

1:00 – 4:00 PM
Grand Ultreya (Cursillo)
Presbyterian Church of the Master
Mission Viejo, CA

March 3, 2012

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Cursillo Secretariat Meeting
St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Tustin, CA

March 10, 2012

Executive Committee Mtg.
St. James Anglican Church, Newport Beach, CA

March 12 - 14, 2012

Diocesan Clergy Retreat
Prince of Peace Abbey, Oceanside, CA

March 23 - 24, 2012

Kingdom Conference
Mariners Church, Irvine, CA

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Thank you for helping make *The Call* the best it can be as we seek to glorify God in our publication.