

# Trinity Topics

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## **OUR COMPANION DIOCESES**

Each Sunday we pray for the Companion Dioceses of the Diocese of Springfield. We also pray for specific parishes and missions within these dioceses. We thought you might like to know a little about each of them.

#### The Diocese of Peru

The Anglican Church of Peru is a missionary diocese with growing churches, forming part of the Body of Christ in South America's third largest country. There are parishes and missions in Lima, Arequipa, Juliaca, Ica and Cabanaconde as well as numerous social outreach and development programs so desperately needed in this poor country. As a missionary diocese we still rely on support from overseas mission personnel, mission organizations, and direct support from churches and individuals.

As part of the worldwide Anglican Communion, which has more than 80 million members found in 160 different countries, our spirituality is catholic, evangelical and charismatic – catholic in that we preserve the faith of the early Christian Church, with its sacraments and three fold ministry of bishops, priests and deacons; evangelical in our emphasis on the authority of the Holy Scriptures and the proclamation of the word of God; and charismatic in that we rely on the grace and power of God for our work and ministry.

The Anglican Church of Peru is a diocese which is clearly both Peruvian and Anglican in its identity. Its roots and history go back to the first half of the nineteenth century with the arrival of English and North American immigrants. But Peruvian congregations are now the overwhelming majority, even though there is still a live English-speaking congregation at the Cathedral. National clergy and lay ministers make the Church and its worship relevant to the people they serve in Christ's name and in many of our congregations Latin American Christian music enhances the worship.

#### The Diocese of Tabora

The Anglican Diocese of Tabora, inaugurated in July 1989, was formed out of the Diocese of Western Tanganyika to enable the efforts to reach people in this area to be more concentrated and effective. As the Diocese was inaugurated under the leadership of its bishop, the Rt. Revd. Francis Ntiruka, there were 10 parishes with a total of 35 congregations. Now there are 27 parishes with over 120 congregations of which 34 were started between 2001 and 2003. The Diocese of Tabora occupies an area of 96,000 square kilometers of rural western Tanzania. It is about one tenth of the area of mainland Tanzania. Approximately 2 million people live in the region, around 200,000 in Tabora municipality. Most people are involved in subsistence agriculture – in other words they grow the food they need to feed themselves and their families. However, there are some cash crops – mainly tobacco, rice and maize. The region is very poor especially after several years of failed or poor harvests due to extreme and unusual weather patterns. The main priorities of the diocese are in Evangelism, Training and Development.

(from episcopalspringfield.org)

## **Report From The Wardens**

### Update on the HVAC upgrade for the Parish Hall Building

After several months of study and discussion, bids for the work are being received for the much needed upgrades to our fifty+ -year-old building. The Johnson Engineering firm has completed extensive studies of the building and systems in place. The Vestry discussed various options and informed the firm what the goals are. Several changes were made along the way to insure that all of the systems were covered and that the most efficient design would be implemented.

This upgrade will include new ventilation and air conditioning for the basement and kitchen, besides upgrading the other areas of the building.

This project will take a few months to complete, but all systems should be running by the middle of October. One visible addition will be a new large condenser unit on the northeast side of the church. It will be surrounded by a fenced enclosure.

We must thank the Vestry for looking ahead to the future of our buildings. And we give a special thanks to Parish Warden David Mumford, Rector's Warden Alice Tracey, and Vestry Member Chuck Crim, who have spent many extra hours seeing that this project has moved forward.

## **Clergy Update**

Father Gary Nowlin will return to celebrate the Holy Eucharist on Sunday, July 3.

**Deacon Zach**, Leah, and Abraham Brooks have found housing and will move to Jacksonville during the last two weeks of July. Leah completes her work in Boston on July 15. Deacon Zach will begin his ministry on August 1.

**Deacon Langford** will hold his last service at Trinity Church on Sunday, July 31. As a sign of our affection and token of thanks for his twenty years of ministry, the Episcopal Church Women will host a coffee hour in the Langfords' honor following the service.

## Grace UMC Summer Food & Fun

The Rev. Sara Brown, whom some of you may know from her previous life at Jacksonville High School, will attend the coffee hour on July 3, to talk to the parish about her work with children in the area this summer at Grace Methodist Church. Grace has accepted the call to provide lunch for any child who shows up, and Rev. Brown has asked Trinity Church to help with this endeavor. (When we visited on June 27, about 30 children were enjoying lunch.) Besides financial help, the program needs 4 to 6 volunteers each day, beginning at 9:00 am, but especially from 11:00 am until 12:30 pm, for the Vacation Bible School time and to serve lunch. Desserts – homemade cookies, cake, Dixie cups of ice cream, and fruit – are appreciated. They can also use 100% apple juice. Trinity Church has volunteered to help on July 11, 12, 13, and 14. (Murrayville Methodist Church is providing help and food on July 15.) So --- anyone who can help at any time from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm is invited to help prepare the lunch, serve it, and also assist with the 30-minute VBS just before lunch. Youth and men are especially welcomed. This population badly need good role models.

#### **News & Announcements**

#### **Doorbell Dinners**

Coordinator Adah Mitchell wants to thank the following who delivered dinners from May 30 to June 3: Kip & K-Lou Ashmore, David & Pat Bone, Chuck Crim, Mia DeGroot, Bruce & Melissa Evans, Newton & Adah Mitchell, Dana Ryan, Erin Tighe, Marley Van Aken, Mary Watts, Ginda Woodruff, and Ryan Worrall.

#### New Computer

A new computer has been installed in the main office. We are very pleased with its new capabilities. However, in the switchover, everything from our email account has not been transferred. We are trying to have that remedied, but we may need to reconstruct our email lists.

#### Internet and Facebook

Don't forget to check out our updated website (www.trinitychurchjax.org). If you have a Facebook account, you can read the Sunday Collects there each week.

\*If you have news you wish to share, please contact the Parish Office.

## **Congratulations to All!**

**Scott Crim**, son of Chuck and Joann, has been placed on McKendree University Dean's List for Spring 2016. Scott is working toward a BS in Business Administration & Management with a minor in Leadership Studies. Scott will be a senior in the fall.

**Gerald Quinn O'Hanlon**, son of John and Cynthia O'Hanlon of Washington, D.C., and grandson of Newton & Adah Mitchell, graduated from the University of Denver on June 4. Quinn received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. The Mitchells attended and noted that Madeleine Albright, former United States Secretary of State, gave the commencement address.

Please join us for a special Reception

after the 10 o'clock service on Sunday, July 31, in honor of

## The Rev. Dr. Thomas W. Langford.

We want to show Deacon Langford our appreciation for his faithful service to Trinity Church during the last 20 years.

#### **SERVICES IN JULY 2016**

#### July 3:

**The 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost** 10:00 am: Holy Eucharist

July 10:

**The 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost** 10:00 am: Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion

#### July 17:

**The 9th Sunday after Pentecost** 10:00 am: Liturgy of the Word &

Holy Communion

#### July 24:

#### The 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am: Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion

#### July 31:

**The 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost** 10:00 am: Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion



Wednesdays at 10:00 am: Morning Prayer

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