

# There's history around every corner

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**T**hose who want to learn more about our nation's history in a dramatic way mustn't miss Philadelphia's Independence National Historic Park. It's only 10 blocks from the convention center.

Billed as "the nation's most historic square mile," the park — actually several downtown city blocks — includes more than a dozen sites, including the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall, where the Declaration of Independence was adopted and the U.S. Constitution written.

Begin at the visitor's center, at Third and Chestnut streets. See the film "Independence" first and then look for the costumed "town criers" who will list all the events, activities and attractions of the day. They will direct you to Liberty Bell Pavilion and to Congress Hall, where the U.S. Senate and U.S. House met from 1790 to 1800, when Philadelphia was the nation's capital.

The closest you'll get to Ben Franklin's house, which is no longer standing, is Franklin Court, where the Robert Venuti-designed "Ghost House" depicts the inventor-statesman's home, a working print shop and the B. Free Franklin Post Office.

Across Market Street and to the left from Franklin Court is cobble-stoned Church Street and the 18th-



*Independence Hall is the birthplace of the nation and the site of the first organizing meeting of the Episcopal Church in 1789.*

century, Georgian-style Christ Church, where the first presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church — William White — was elected. Benjamin Franklin, George Washington and Betsy Ross all worshiped here. Tour guides are available to answer your questions. Near the church, the Burial Ground holds the graves of more Colonial and Revolutionary War leaders than any non-military cemetery in the United States.

The Bishop White House, an elegant upper-class dwelling built in 1786-87, is only a few blocks away at 309 Walnut St. "William White's Philadelphia," a special walking tour for convention visitors, includes St. Peter's Episcopal Church, a 1761 Georgian church,

Bishop William White's house and Christ Church. Tickets for the escorted tour, which leaves at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily (one tour on July 19, 20 and 21) are available at the Pennsylvania booth in the Exhibit Hall.

Several organizations offer walking tours of the Old City. Historic Philadelphia Inc. conducts walking tours every day and the park itself provides another series of tours. Two new this year are "First Philadelphians" and "Tory Story." Ask the town criers where and when they start.

Six "playlets" tell much of the story of our nation's early days. One, "American Attic," is geared especially to children. Another, "Philadelphia Sailmaker," tells the story of African-American patriot James Forten.

For those over 21, the Tippler's Tour each Friday visits famous watering holes of Philadelphia from the 1700s.

To get to Independence National Historical Park, walk east from the convention center on Arch Street to Third Street and turn right (south). Walk three blocks to the visitor's center. For further information, call 597-8974.



*The First Continental Congress met at Carpenters' Hall in 1774. Early tools and original chairs are on display.*

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*The hallowed symbol of liberty for Americans, the Liberty Bell is housed in a structure that permits unrestricted 24-hour viewing.*



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# Historic Christ Church site for presiding bishop's election

By MARISA HERRERA  
FOR CONVENTION DAILY



In the morning of July 21, history will repeat itself as the House of Bishops gathers in historic Christ Church to elect the Episcopal Church's 25th presiding bishop.

But it will be quite unlike the day in Philadelphia on July 28, 1789, when three bishops met at the State House to choose Bishop William White the first

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presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church.

Next Monday, portable air conditioners will cool bishops from the expected 90-degree heat outside and box lunches of sandwiches and fruit, with bottled water, will refresh bodies and spirits should the election become lengthy.

Strict security for the closed session will be provided by officers of the National Park Service, who patrol the national historic site daily.

The presence of the more than 200 bishops in Christ Church, birthplace of the Episcopal Church, parallels in many respects the birth of the nation. The central figure is White, first bishop of the diocese, organizer of the first General Conventions.

Visitors to Christ Church can look for Bishop White's grave on the chancel floor and see the same font where, in 1644, William Penn was baptized at All Hallows by the Tower in England. All Hallows gave the font to Christ Church

in 1697 to make the point that the founder of this colony, a Quaker, had been brought into this world as an Anglican!

The church's ties to the nation's story are further evidenced by the graves of seven signers of the Declaration of Independence and five signers of the Constitution in the Christ Church burial ground at Fifth and Arch streets nearby.

Today, Christ Church continues in a long tradition of mission and community involvement. "What I'm most proud of," says its rector, the Rev. James A. Trimble, "is its mission in a world which so often seems to deny the Creator, who indeed has endowed us with those 'unalienable rights' of 'life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.'"

Advocating for human rights has led the parish to become involved in seeking systemic change in homelessness, through Philadelphia Interfaith Action and the Delaware Valley Community Reinvestment Fund.

"What we preach about here every week," said Christ Church's assistant, the Very Rev. James M. Taylor, "is that all the people who come through our doors are made in the image and likeness of God."

*A history, "Christ Church, Philadelphia: The Nation's Church in a Changing City," published by University of Pennsylvania Press, 1995, is available for \$15 at the Christ Church bookstore.*



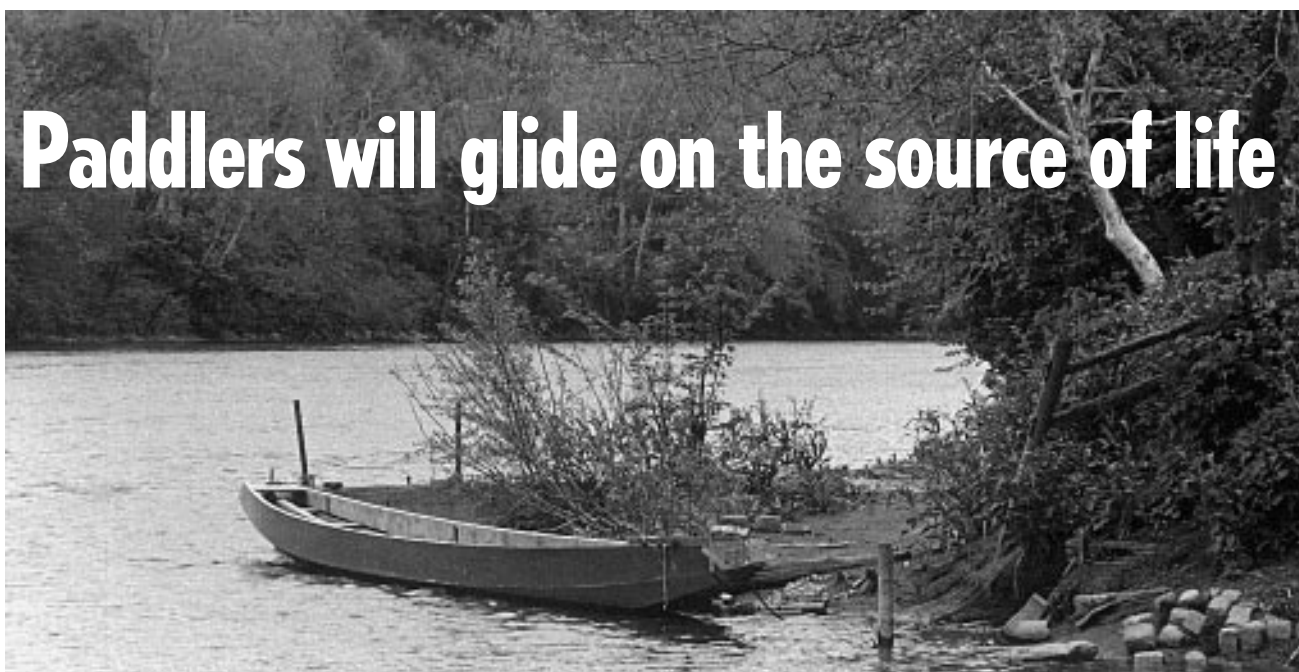
*Above, the interior of Christ Church today. At right, a sketch of the Church constructed from 1727 to 1744.*

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## Paddlers will glide on the source of life



By CRAIG J. CLARK  
FOR CONVENTION DAILY

While at General Convention, bishops, deputies and visitors have two opportunities to canoe on the Schuylkill River, keeping in tune with convention's theme, "With Water and the Holy Spirit." Both events are being planned by the Episcopal Environmental Coalition (EEC) and the Justice, Peace and the Environment Committee of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

On July 19, there will be a morning of recreation and education on the river. Participants will meet at the convention center at 8:30 a.m. to be transported to the canoeing site. A half-hour later, about 100 canoes will be launched on the river at East Park Canoe House, just north of

the Strawberry Mansion Bridge in Fairmount Park.

Groups who will teach participants how to be effective water stewards will include the Riverbend Environmental Education, the Schuylkill Riverkeepers and the Philadelphia Water Department. The Schuylkill Riverkeepers are a citizen's initiative affiliated with the Delaware Riverkeeper Network.

Saturday's excursion will end by noon at the East Park Canoe House, where T-shirts and educational materials will be available. Participants will be transported back to the convention center in time for the 2 p.m. convention Eucharist and United Thank Offering in-gathering.

The cost for the day is \$10 per adult.

Children under 16 will be admitted at no charge. Refreshments will be available, but people are encouraged to bring a lunch and water.

"We are going out on the water so that we can be more directly related to God's gift of water and to each other," said Peter Weber, a member of the diocesan environmental committee. "The idea is to have a national gathering here — we are out there to learn more about how to protect the water. It's our hope that those who join us will go back to their parts of the country to likewise connect with their water and watersheds."

The second canoeing event will take place at 7 a.m. July 20, when at least a dozen canoes will be launched. This group

will symbolically paddle down the river and land at the East Park Canoe House for an 8:30 a.m. Eucharist and baptismal "Service of Thanksgiving for God's Gift of Water."

Bishop Steven Charleston, a Choctaw who is former bishop of Alaska, will preach, with music by the Miserable Offenders. There is no cost for the Sunday trip.

"It is our hope, as we are right by the water, that we will be able to baptize at least one person," said Jack Winder, a member of the EEC. Alternatively, all of the participants will take part in a baptismal renewal service.

This will be followed by a procession to the Church of the Advocate in North Philadelphia, to join the 11 a.m. Eucharist celebrated by Suffragan Bishop Barbara Harris of Massachusetts.

"We're bringing together concerns for the environment and justice together in the spirit of the JPIC [Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Committee]," said Steve MacCausland, also a member of the EEC. "We're trying to build bridges."

Up-to-date information will be available in a brochure at both the Pennsylvania booth and the environmental booth at the convention center.

To reserve a canoe for either day, call Peter Weber at 610-543-1531 or Mary Letzkus at 302-226-9228 by July 17 to guarantee a space.

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## COMMENTARY

*Convention: a time to use politics for God's glory*

BY TITUS PRESLER

General Convention is sacramental. Politics expresses discipleship.

These assertions are countercultural in the Episcopal Church today. As heirs of the 1960s, we are skeptical of institutions. We embrace the work of small, local groups in the church, but we suspect that national structures are mere bureaucracies and that large meetings are simply their spinning wheels. With the individualism inherent in American religion, we treasure our personal and local spirituality, but we marginalize community life on the larger scale.

Yet when I plunge into General Convention, my experience is that I am entering a sacrament of the church, an outward and visible sign of inward and spiritual grace. And the politics that engage me at convention I experience as an expression of Christian discipleship, that is, individuals and communities seeking to



follow Jesus.

These experiences give me energy, hope and joy amidst the pessimism that often pervades discussion of national issues and this convention.

The church is the Body of Christ, we say in our catechism, but we tend to reserve that affirmation for our parishes and, maybe, our dioceses.

When discussion touches the Episcopal Church as a whole, many people question its usefulness, its faithfulness, its authenticity. "It's too political," is a frequent complaint. People assume that politics is something unsavory, unfaithful and therefore unworthy in the church of Jesus Christ.

What we need is a theology of the

institutional church. In our deep-seated ambivalence, we say that we value tradition, but we dismiss the structures by which tradition is brought into our future. We wax eloquent about the Body of Christ in Corinth or Philippi, but mutter darkly about its legislative work in Phoenix or Philadelphia.

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Of course, cynicism is often prompted by dismay at particular decisions, but that is precisely where we need a bedrock understanding of the church that offers us confidence beyond the ebb and flow of particular issues that concern us.

Theologically, the visible, institutional church is grounded in the major realities of our faith. As the Body of Christ, the church echoes and enacts the rhythms of the Christ event: incarnation, cross and resurrection. The human and social dimension of the church, therefore, is not an awkward, peripheral circumstance, but an essential means through which God works in the world, just as God has always worked through covenanted communities.

From his crucified suffering, Jesus cried out that he was abandoned, yet God was there in the desolation, embracing us in our alienation and sin. So also, God is present in the turmoil and strife of our church life, not abandoning us even when we hurt one another deeply. God's victory over the power of sin and death in the resurrection of Jesus declares that the last word in our church life is not our disputing and confusion but God's Holy Spirit working in the body to bring forth new

life and new mission in the world.

In General Convention, we are called to receive one another, not as potential allies or adversaries, but equally as God-bearers. We gather not simply as an aggregate of individuals, but as a sacrament of the Body of Christ. But what of the politics? Isn't it bad that the church gets political?

No, because politics is incarnational; it is simply the articulation, negotiation and use of power to accomplish objectives. As such, politics is inevitable, and it is naive to imagine that human interactions can be non-political.

The church is political because it is real, social and historical, and because it seeks to shape a future for the real, social and historical human family. As the church gathers to so use its power, convention life is inevitably political.

The question is how power is being used and to what ends. Are people sharing power or monopolizing power? Do we empty ourselves, using power to advance the gospel and to empower the powerless? Or are we hoarding power and building a church elite? Are we diminishing one another in our debates or treasuring one another even as we disagree?

Political work at convention, in short, can be discipleship work. As we seek the mind of Christ in prayer and Scripture, as we take counsel with others for advice or persuasion, as we devise wordings that meet the concerns of fellow travelers, even as we dispute issues with the otherwise-minded — all of this can express our discipleship when we offer it with love, alert for what God is up to among us and in the world. Eucharist shared daily keeps us open to such convention life.

Deputies and bishops will doubtless fail many times to respond faithfully to that call to sacrament and to discipleship, both in community life and in political action.

Discerning, however, that this is indeed the call may help us let go of our protective cynicism. It may impel us to join the Spirit in empowering the Body for God's mission in the world.

*The Rev. Titus Presler, rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Cambridge, Mass., co-chairs the Massachusetts deputation to General Convention.*



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# First woman named chaplain to deputies

By SARAH BARTENSTEIN  
FOR CONVENTION DAILY

Although its parliamentary and political maneuvers seem to get the most press, General Convention is grounded in prayer and worship. Each house has a chaplain.

This year, the chaplain to the House of Deputies is the Rev. Rosemari Sullivan of the Diocese of Virginia. Rector of the Church of St. Clement in Alexandria, Sullivan is preparing for her third convention as deputy, and chairs the deputies' Committee on Prayer Book and Liturgy.

She has been making plans for daily worship since the spring, when she received the invitation from Pamela Chinnis, president of the House of Deputies.

She has decided that, while the deputies normally have noonday prayers with a meditation, "we're all so tired at this point, we should sing." So she's going to add song to the noonday prayers.

Sullivan said that "outlines for 10 legislative days are in the works, plus any other times they call on me to say a prayer." In preparing her outlines, she has used the Daily Office lectionary, the readings for which come from the Gospel of Mark. She'll also observe the commemoration of Mary Magdalene on July 22, and Birgitta of Sweden, a saint on the calendar of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, on July 23.

In addition to planning and leading



*The Rev. Rosemari Sullivan with fellow deputy, Russell Palmore, at the 1994 General Convention.*

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daily worship, the chaplain receives prayer requests from people for inclusion in the deputies' corporate prayers. She will also pray with individuals who request it.

The Rev. Martin L. Smith, SSJE, and the Rev. Curtis Almquist, SSJE, of Cambridge, Mass., have been chaplains to the House of Bishops throughout the past triennium. They will lead the house in noonday prayers and offer a reflection or meditation at the conclusion of each afternoon's legislative session. In addition, they are available to the bishops for spiritual direction and sacramental confessions.

## Triennial speakers include local folk

International women, as well as local church leaders, will be among speakers to the hundreds of Episcopal women at the Episcopal Women's Triennial this week.

**The Rev. Barbara Duncan**, coordinator of criminal justice ministries at Episcopal Community Services, the diocesan social service agency, will speak the morning of July 19.

**The Rev. Mary Laney**, vicar of St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church and co-chair of Philadelphia Interfaith Action, an organization that champions the cause of the homeless and welfare recipients, will speak the morning of July 23.

At the triennial's opening celebration at 2 p.m. July 16, **Bishop Geralyn Wolfe** of the Diocese of Rhode Island, a one-time priest in Pennsylvania diocese, will preach.

Speakers also include **Lady Christine Eames**, chair of the International Mothers Union, from Ireland and **the Rev. Phyllis Taylor**, rector of Trinity, in Oxford, England.

The Episcopal Church Women will celebrate 126 years of dedicated service from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. July 18. All are invited to join the celebration.

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# Office keeps legislators informed about Convention policies

BY MARIE PANTON  
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WASHINGTON

Located on Capitol Hill directly opposite the Supreme Court, in a building housing other religious denominations, is the Episcopal Church's Office of Government Relations, created in 1978 by General Convention to make the policies of the Episcopal Church known to the nation's lawmakers.

"Our mission is to carry the voice of the church forward through grass-roots Episcopalians," says Matthew Cornner, Public Policy Network coordinator.

With the formidable challenge of being the smallest of the mainstream denominational offices, with a staff of four, the director, the Rev. Robert Brooks, emphasizes the importance of the church staying visible. Citing the vast competition daily from nearly 17,500 organizations and special-interest groups, Brooks says, "My job is to provide a voice that brings the big picture to legislators and not just one specific issue. Because we are witnesses of God's reign, we see the connectedness of everything relating to everything else."

Operating on a mission statement that embodies the baptismal covenant, specifically the statement about striving for peace and justice, Brooks sees his work as empowering the baptized for ministry — and he does this by networking within the community.

"You have to meet the policy-makers where they are, and not ask them to meet you in the church.

"We have to make a visible witness that God is active in history, time and place, and our job is to cooperate with what God is doing."

The office plays a significant role on many issues — from domestic to foreign interventions, health care, welfare reform and the environment; one of the most effective aids in the work is the Episcopal Public Policy Network (PPN), a program established in 1982 in New York, but moved to Washington two years ago, which brings Capitol Hill directly to Episcopalians across the country.

Policy alerts, green postcards designed to "remove the obstacles of advocacy by making it as easy as possible for each member," according to Cornner, are sent

to Episcopalians' homes, giving them an opportunity to contact their congressional or state representative to make their opinions and concerns known. An 800 number, along with quicker, on-line access, and the creation of a World Wide Web site, has increased the popularity of the network.

"PPN has grown in the last two years from a handful of members to a network of nearly 7,000 Episcopalians who receive green policy alerts, and write and call their members of Congress to advocate for the policies of the church," says Cornner. "It stands today as one of the largest grass-roots advocacy networks among the main-line churches."

And what makes it so successful, according to the deputy director, Tom Hart, is its legitimacy.

"When sending out an alert, we make sure, first, that there is a resolution in place at the church," says Hart. "The sole basis of our action is the policy of General Convention and Executive Council and we act only in terms of adhering to the policies."

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As the office continues to advocate for issues with the U.S. government, staff members remain aware of the challenges faced.

"I am the sole staff member responsible for a very large network," says Cornner.

Although Brooks feels "somewhat in a good position in terms of getting the church's voice heard," he is mindful of the time needed to effect this process. "Networking is crucial in giving the church a high visibility. It takes years to build relationships," he says.

For the future, Brooks says he wants to focus his energies on helping the office become more known.

"Everyone who wishes to be a part of this office can help to amplify our voice greatly and enable this office to be even more effective in letting the voice of the Episcopal Church be heard."

Cornner believes that the PPN helps to fulfill that goal.

"As the network continues to grow, that determines that a connection has been made between baptism and faith-based advocacy.

"It's like the light bulb syndrome," says Cornner. "It goes off when people say they know about or have received an alert.

"That is success as far as I am concerned."

The biggest presence for the Office of Government Relations will be a display at the Children's Ministries Center where people can call their members of Congress, write letters and send e-mail related to children's issues.

Brooks and Hart will be staffing the Social and Urban Affairs Committee, while Cornner will be staffing both the Episcopal Church Center booth and the Children's Ministries Center. Public policy brochures will be placed at several exhibitors' booths.

***The Rev. Robert Brooks (center), director of the Episcopal Church's Washington office, and staff members Tom Hart and Matthew Cornner lead a workshop on the church's Public Policy Network at the Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Summit in Cleveland.***

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# Meet? Vote? Heck, when do we eat!

By ANNA IREDALE  
FOR CONVENTION DAILY

While the convention center's Exhibit Hall has food and handicrafts within easy reach, an entire world of gastronomic delights awaits convention and Triennial delegates just steps away.

For more than 100 years, the Reading Terminal Market has provided the city with produce, dairy and meats. Second- and third-generation purveyors occupy such stalls as Bassett's Ice Cream and Harry G. Ochs Prime Meats. But at breakfast and lunchtime, this treasure, located just across the street from the convention center, is the place to go for the freshest food. Here are a few tips to help make the most of your time in Philadelphia.

Begin with breakfast. For the full course, sit-down experience, nothing beats the **Down Home Diner**. There used to be an actual trolley car in the market but it's been renovated into the Edward Hopper-esque wonder that it is today. During the week it's easy to get a table, but on the weekends only early risers avoid a wait. All the food that's prepared here — fresh eggs, sausage, bacon, fruit — comes from the market. (The diner remains open for dinner; enter on the Juniper Street side.)



For breakfast on the run, **Olde City Coffee** has the best muffins (ask for the sweet potato or granola), or try a fruit smoothie at the **Four Seasons Juice Bar**.

Lunch finds the market crowded with office workers. It's best to travel in pairs; one person can search for a table while the other orders.

There is not unanimous agreement about where to purchase the best hoagie (a Philadelphia term for submarine sandwich or grinder) at the market. Some people contend that it is **Sandwich Stan**, whose staff will make any kind of hoagie, all large and stuffed with meat roasted on the premises. **Salumeria** offers its interpretation of a hoagie, using a husky house dressing instead of oil or mayonnaise, and

artichoke hearts.

If all that you know about Mexican food is Taco Bell, prepare to be dazzled by the **12th Street Cantina**: wild mushroom enchiladas, deep dark greens for the guacamole salad and tacos with a little kick. Try the vegetarian taco platter for about \$3.50.

Another inexpensive lunch is the soup and bread offered by **Jill's Vorspeise**. Choose from about five different soups (a couple are "heart smart") daily. Jill also knocks out a veggie w Reggie that has roasted eggplant and peppers with smoked cheese.

**Delilah's** offers soul food like sweet-potato pie, fresh collard greens, fried chicken and barbecued spare ribs. She also has her own private seating area.

**Pearl's Oyster Bar** offers fish that's fresh, fast and never disappointing.

From Wednesday through Saturday, the **Amish** take up residence in about a third of the market. Try their hand-twisted pretzels and roasted chicken, or sit down for counter service and enjoy a full-course meal followed by shoo-fly pie.

**Dominic's Roast Beef** makes a hot roast beef sandwich topped with aged Provolone cheese that outdoes any cheese steak. But if you must have a cheese steak, try **Rick's**.

Food isn't all that's available at the Market. The **Pennsylvania General Store** offers gifts that are Pennsylvania-specific like redware pottery, beeswax candles, and a variety of mixes for everything from pecan pancakes (highly recommended) to pretzels (easy, delicious and even the littlest bakers can twist). If you want to remind someone "at the home front" that you're thinking of them, the staff at the store assembles and ships care packages, too.

A visit to the market isn't complete without a stop at **Bassett's Ice Cream**. Get a cone and wander through the market, or sit down at the cool marble counter and ponder the state of the church. It all looks better with ice cream!

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# CALENDAR

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## THURSDAY, JULY 17

- 10:45 a.m. Legislative sessions.
- 2 p.m. A special joint session of the House of Deputies, House of Bishops and Episcopal Church Women's Triennial on "Advocacy for Youth and Children at Risk."
- 5:30 p.m. Reception for Presiding Bishop Edmond L. Browning, sponsored by National Network of Episcopal Clergy Association, St. Stephen's Church, 19 S. 10th St. Cost: \$30.
- 5:30 p.m. Reception for E. Allen Kelley, retiring president of Morehouse Publishing, Marriott Hotel.
- 6:30 p.m. Journeys Unlimited dinner cruise open to clergy and spouses on the Liberty Belle, departing from Penn's Landing. Hosts: Bishop Robert Witcher, Bishop Orris G. Walker and Rick Cosnoti. Details, Booth 87.
- 7:30 p.m. "An Evening of Gilbert and Sullivan," a gala concert for the benefit of the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief at St. Stephen's Church, 19 S. 10th St. Tickets \$30, available at Booths 85-86, Exhibit Hall.
- 7:30 p.m. "Labyrinth: I'm Not Going Anywhere Without You," a new dance-theater presentation produced at Eastern College in St. David's, Pa. Also July 18.
- 8 p.m. Forum: "Our Journey in Faith," Salons A-H, Marriott Hotel.  
An evening for inspiration and contemplation with Esther De Waal, widely known for her work in Celtic and Benedictine traditions; Madeleine L'Engle, award-winning author and retreat leader, and the Rev. Martin Smith, superior of the Society of St. John the Evangelist and chaplain to the House of Bishops. Music on Celtic harp by Brother Andrew Colquhoun, prior, Order of the Holy Cross.

## FRIDAY, JULY 18

**FAST DAY**

- 9:15 a.m. Bible sharing and Eucharist. Visitors welcome.
- 10 a.m. A new, intergenerational curriculum on the life and ministry of Absalom Jones will be introduced at the Pennsylvania booth in the Exhibit Hall.
- 10:45 a.m. A joint session of the House of Bishops, House of Deputies and Triennial to hear the report from Presiding Bishop Edmond L. Browning and Executive Council.
- 2 p.m. Legislative sessions.
- 5 p.m. Reception by the National Organization of Episcopalians for Life for Mike McManus, syndicated columnist and author of "Marriage Savers: Helping Your Friends and Family Stay Married," Marriott Hotel.

- 6 p.m. The Episcopal Church Publishing Co. and The Witness dinner, Church of the Advocate. Cost: \$45. Contact: The Witness.
- 8 p.m. A public hearing by the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance. Location to be announced.

## SATURDAY, JULY 19

- 8:30 a.m. Transportation leaves convention center for canoeing and education on the Schuylkill River. Return before 2 p.m. Cost: \$10.
- 9:15 a.m. Legislative sessions.
- 2 p.m. Convention Eucharist and United Thank Offering In-Gathering. Archbishop George Carey of Canterbury will preach.

## SUNDAY, JULY 20

*(Details of Sunday worship services in Philadelphia area churches will be published in Friday's edition of the Convention Daily.)*

- 7 a.m. Canoeing trip to East Park Canoe House for 8:30 a.m. service of healing and renewal of baptismal vows. Bishop Steven Charleston will preach.
- Noon. Episcopal Women's Caucus gathering, Marriott Hotel. Register by July 17 at EWC Booth 121.
- 8 p.m. Grand Ballroom, Marriott Hotel. "A Celebration of the Ministry of Edmond L. Browning." All are invited to this evening of presentations and performances celebrating the ministry of the 24th presiding bishop.

## MONDAY, JULY 21

- 9:15 a.m. Bible sharing and Eucharist. Visitors welcome.
- 10:30 a.m. Bishops move to Christ Church to elect next presiding bishop. House of Deputies remains in session.
- 6 p.m. Episcopal Peace Fellowship dinner, Marriott Hotel. Mordechai Vanunu Award for Sacrifice and Moral Witness in the struggle for peace with justice to be given to Vanunu (in absentia).
- 8 p.m. Forum: "The Quest for Peace," Salons A-H, Marriott Hotel.  
The Rev. Canon Naim Ateek of St. George's Cathedral, Jerusalem; Presiding Bishop Edmond Browning and Bishop Steven Charleston, chaplain of Trinity College and former bishop of Alaska, with Pamela Chinnis, president of the House of Deputies, as moderator. Music by the Common Cup.

## TUESDAY, JULY 22

- 7:30 p.m. "The Miserable Offenders" in concert to benefit the National Episcopal AIDS Coalition.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

- 9:15 a.m. Bible sharing and Eucharist. Visitors welcome.

- 10:45 a.m. Legislative sessions.
- 2 p.m. Joint session of House of Bishops, House of Deputies and ECW Triennial to receive report from Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance.
- 7 p.m. Pennsylvania Night on the Parkway. Buses leave convention center 5:45 to 7 p.m. en route to six museums of choice. Music at all locations, box supper at The Franklin Institute and dessert and coffee at the Museum of Art. July 17 is last day to purchase

tickets at the Philadelphia Parkway Night Out at the registration area.

## THURSDAY, JULY 24

- 9:15 a.m. Final Eucharist.
- 10:45 a.m. Legislative sessions.
- 2 p.m. Legislative sessions.

## FRIDAY, JULY 25, 1997

- 9:15 a.m. Morning prayer in each house, then legislative sessions.
- 2 p.m. Legislative sessions.
- 6 p.m. Convention adjourns.

## BOOK SIGNINGS IN EXHIBIT HALL

Morehouse Publishing signings at Booth 40-43.

Episcopal Life signings at newspaper's exhibit at Booth B.

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

- 12:15 p.m. "The Sewing Room," and "Finding Time for Serenity" by Barbara Crafton, Episcopal Life.
- 1 p.m. "Grounded in God" by Suzanne Farnham, Morehouse.

### THURSDAY, JULY 17

- 10:30 a.m. "Preaching as the Art of Sacred Conversation" by Roger Alling, co-editor, Morehouse.
- 11 a.m. "Vision Bearers" by Richard Kew, Morehouse.
- Noon. "A User's Guide to the Book of Common Prayer" by Christopher Webber, Morehouse.
- 12:15 p.m. "Mothers and Daughters" and "Journey with a Friend" by Madeleine L'Engle, Episcopal Life.
- 1 p.m. "Listening Hearts" by Suzanne Farnham, et al., Morehouse.
- 3 p.m. "Bless All Creatures Here Below" by Judith Gwyn Brown; "WomenPrints," Ann Smith, Lucy Germany, Sister Helena Marie, Nancy Grandfield; Morehouse.
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- 11 a.m. "Deacons in the Liturgy" by Ormond Plater, Morehouse.
- Noon "Re-Inventing Marriage" by Christopher Webber, Morehouse.
- 1 p.m. "Sharing Our Biblical Story" by Joseph Russell; "A History of the Episcopal Church" by Robert Prichard, Morehouse.

- 1:30 p.m. "Outrage and Hope" by Fred Borsch, Morehouse.
- 3 p.m. "Scared: Growing Up in America" and "The Saints Among Us" by George H. Gallup Jr., Morehouse.

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- 11 a.m. "Liturgical Spirituality" and "School of the Church" by Philip Pfatteicher, Morehouse.

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# A visitor's primer to General Convention

EPISCOPAL LIFE STAFF

Visiting convention for the day? There's lot to see at the Exhibit Hall and a visit to Episcopal Church Women's Triennial can be both informative and fun, especially during resource fair days, July 17 and 18.

But eavesdropping on a legislative session at the House of Deputies or House of Bishops promises a glimpse of the church's legislative bodies in action. A knowledge of convention's authority and how legislation gets enacted can make it more rewarding.

## CONVENTION'S AUTHORITY

The General Convention alone has the authority to amend the Book of Common Prayer and the Episcopal Church's Constitution, to amend the canonical laws of the church, and to determine the church program and budget.

Bishops and deputies at General Convention receive reports from committees and agencies and formulate policy. They authorize missionary, social and educational programs to be implemented by national staff at the Episcopal Church Center in New York.

Convention elects 20 of the 38 members of Executive Council, who supervise the execution of this policy and program between conventions. Each of the nine provinces also elects two members of the Executive Council.

There are two houses at General Convention — the 250-plus members of the House of Bishops with Presiding

Bishop Edmond L. Browning in the chair, and the 904-member House of Deputies, presided over by President Pamela P. Chinnis of Washington, D.C.

## HOW LEGISLATION GETS PASSED

All resolutions are referred to one of 26 legislative committees before being debated on the floor of either house. Important issues are sometimes given preliminary consideration at an open hearing, at which bishops, deputies or invited guests may address the committee.

Each piece of legislation is introduced in either the House of Bishops or the House of Deputies. (All doctrinal issues first come to the bishops.) Legislation is approved only by both houses voting on the same language, although they sit and deliberate separately. (When the houses do meet together, it is to hear reports, not debate legislation.)

Action taken by one house is immediately transmitted by message to the other house. That house may vote to concur, making it an act of convention, or not to concur, which would defeat the proposal for that convention. If it votes to concur, with amendments, or drafts a substitute, members in the originating house must also concur with the latest version for it to become an act of convention.

## THE HOUSE OF DEPUTIES

Diocesan conventions elect a maximum of four priests or deacons and four

lay people to General Convention. Alternates are also elected and may attend in the absence of a deputy, or share time with the elected deputy on the floor. Some dioceses may voluntarily elect a fewer number than eight to convention.

In addition, 18 youths have been elected by provinces to attend this year's convention. One of the first actions of convention will be to act on a request to allow them seat and voice in the House of Deputies.

## THE HOUSE OF BISHOPS

By virtue of the nature of its membership, the House of Bishops is the more continuing body. Yet, close to half of the diocesan and suffragan bishops at this convention have been elected within the past six years — or no more than two conventions ago.

Since 1991, in addition to bishops' annual meetings, a gathering each spring has been held for informal discussion and to build relationships. Since then, the bishops have adopted a new working style, seated at round tables to promote dialogue among regions and interest groups, rather than in rows by order of seniority.

No churchwide legislation can be adopted at these interim or special meetings of the House of Bishops, although bishops have, in the past, agreed to a course of action they would adopt on a specific issue.

## Have a sweet time!

CONVENTION DAILY STAFF

"Energy Lift," a tradition begun in 1976 in Minneapolis, will make its eighth successive appearance at the 1997 General Convention and Episcopal Church Women's Triennial.

In thanksgiving for the efforts of volunteers and for generosity of donations to the National Books Fund and Miles of Pennies, representatives from the Church Periodical Club, wearing red aprons, will distribute candy to members of the House of Bishops, House of Deputies and to ECW Triennial delegates.

## Orientation offered visitors

Twice-daily orientations for convention visitors will be offered every morning and afternoon — after the morning Eucharist at 10:45 a.m. and after lunch 2 p.m. Current activities in the House of Bishops and House of Deputies, as well as the Episcopal Church Women's Triennial, will be discussed. There will also be a report on events in the city.

Orientation sessions will take place in Room 201B.

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