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Sexuality resolution sent out to deputies

BY DAVID SKIDMORE

After five days of meetings and three major hearings, Special Committee 25 has cleared a path through a tangled thicket of sexuality resolutions. The committee has forged a compromise measure that acknowledges traditional teaching on marriage while supporting "relationships of mutuality and fidelity other than marriage."

The compromise resolution, crafted from a working paper of the committee and a resolution (B045) from Bishop GERALYN WOLF (Rhode Island), directs the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music (SCLM) to draft rites that express support for "lifelong committed relationships" for consideration by the next General Convention. The rites are to be prepared for inclusion in the Book of Occasional Services, as opposed to The Book of Common Prayer. The committee adopted the compromise measure during its morning meeting July 10.

In its resolution, the committee also stipulates that marriage and life long committed relationships "will be characterized by fidelity; monogamy; mutual affection and respect; careful, honest communication; and holy love," and that all church members will be held accountable to these values. The resolution further acknowledges that some members who disagree with the church's traditional teaching on human sexuality will, however, in good conscience "act in contradiction to that position." The resolution also reaffirms the 1998 Lambeth Conference's call for dialogue around homosexuality, and "the imperative to promote conversation between persons of differing experiences and perspectives."

The committee, which has been meeting as a cognate committee of bishops and deputies throughout the week, is reporting out the resolution as a substitute for the resolution D039.

In its July 10 meeting, the committee indicated it would discharge all other resolutions—other than substitute resolutions still in the pipeline—that it has received on sexuality, including the SCLM's resolution on "local option" (A065) which has won few converts either on the committee or in the hearings.

Though the SCLM, in the committee's resolution, is again being handed the issue of same-sex unions, the difference this time is that the standing commission is being given a more explicit charge, said Bishop Arthur Williams, co-chair of the committee. Committee 25's resolution directs the SCLM specifically to prepare rites that will allow the church to support committed relationships other than marriage.

The SCLM, added Rebecca Snow (Alaska) and co-chair of the cognate com-

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Hmong among us



Joan Cupo (left), alternate with the Diocese of New York, examines handbags while Sy Vang Lo gives a description of the different designs.

photo/DICK SNYDER

Pam Chinnis feted as tenure comes to close

BY SUSAN ERDEY

Strains of Nat King Cole's "Unforgettable" greeted House of Deputies President Pamela Chinnis as she arrived at the Marriott Sunday evening for a joyful celebration of her ministry. Members of the General Convention youth presence escorted Chinnis to the platform then took up seats behind her — a reflection of the support Chinnis has always given to the youth of the church.

For the next two hours, representatives from around the church paid tribute to the first woman president of the House of Deputies. Chinnis' daughter, Ann, described her mother as a "values-based leader" who has "manifest respect for those who follow," understands that "leadership must refine and enlarge the public view," and "will not tolerate bigotry."

Asked why there was an extra chair next to Chinnis and Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold, emcee David Booth Beers, chancellor of the Episcopal Church, explained the tradition in the House of Bishops of leaving an extra place "for any former Presiding Bishop who might wan-



Pam Chinnis shares a light moment with Presiding Bishop Frank T. Griswold during Sunday evening's celebration.

photo/DICK SNYDER

der in off the street." At that moment, former Presiding Bishop Edmond Browning sauntered in to cheers and a standing ovation and took the empty seat next to a surprised and delighted Chinnis.

Chinnis received numerous gifts and accolades during the evening, including a specially-designed cross and signet ring with the seal of the General Convention and another cross designed for her from the Native American community. Forward Movement announced its publication of Decently and In Order, a collection of Chinnis' writings. Ginger Paul, the Rev. Fran Toy, Virginia Norman,

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CALENDAR

○ a.m. / ● p.m.

Notices for the Calendar must be delivered to Room C104-106, by 2 p.m. of the day preceding publication. Orientations for convention visitors are offered in Room A109 at 8:40 a.m. and at 1:45 p.m. 'Mini' sign language classes are offered daily at Booth 92 at 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 3 p.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 11

- 7 a.m. Continental breakfast sponsored by the Episcopal Peace and Justice Network at the Courtyard by Marriott Hotel. Ticket required — available at Booth 48.
- 7:30 a.m. Legislative committees meet.
- 9:30 a.m. Eucharist and Scripture reflection.
- 11 a.m. Legislative sessions.
- 12:30 p.m. A discussion in support of clergy family wellness, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1600 Grant St.
- 1 p.m. Luncheon, Committee on the Status of Women, Presentation: Celebrating the long friendship between Bishop Suffragan Jane Dixon of Washington and Diane Rehm, host of a daily talk show on National Public Radio.
- 1:15 p.m. Box lunch by Ministries with Young People, "Resources for educators and ministers with young people."
- 1:15 p.m. Luncheon for bishops, deputies, AAC headquarters.
- 2:30 p.m. Legislative sessions.
- 4 p.m. Mile High Break, AAC headquarters. Refreshments and sharing of personal transformation stories.
- 5:30 p.m. A glass of wine while you meet and greet students and staff from The Berkeley Divinity School at Yale, The Gold Coin Room, Marriott City Center.
- 6 p.m. Provincial Caucuses.
- 6 p.m. Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross, Marriott City Center.
- 7:30 p.m. Special seminar: "Opportunities for Transformation," AAC headquarters.
- 9 p.m. Faith Alive prayer and praise, Marriott City Center, Denver Ballrooms 1, 2, and 3.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

- 7:30 a.m. Legislative committees meet.
- 9:30 a.m. Eucharist and Scripture reflection.

BOOK SIGNINGS IN EXHIBIT HALL

TUESDAY, JULY 11

- 12 p.m. "Transfigured Night," by Titus Presler, Episcopal Book/Resource Center, Booth 96-97.
- 12 p.m. "Finding My Voice," by Diane Rehm, the Episcopal Women's Caucus, Booth 156.
- 2 p.m. The contributors to "Women's Uncommon Prayer; Our Lives Revealed, Nurtured, Celebrated," Morehouse Booth 123.
- 3 p.m. "I Am: Teaching Sermons in the Incarnation," by Penelope Duckworth, Abingdon Press, at the Cokebury's Booth 150.
- 3 p.m. "Faithful Living, Faithful Dying: Anglican Reflections on the End of Life Care," "Toward a Good Christian Death: Crucial Treatment Choices," "Wrestling with the Future: Our Genes and our Choices," "Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia: Christian Moral Perspectives," by Cynthia Cohen and other authors, Morehouse.
- 4 p.m. "An Essential Unity," by David Veal, Morehouse. ■

Strengthening college chaplaincies will help clergy recruitment

By SUSAN ERDEY

Campus ministries have long been a ripe mission field for attracting young people to the Episcopal Church, particularly as a place to raise up young people for ordained leadership. However, more than 200 college and university chaplaincies have been closed or severely cut in the last 30 years.

The Episcopal Society for Ministry in Higher Education (ESMHE) is working to reverse the trend, and to raise awareness of the importance of campus ministries in the effort to recruit younger clergy.

The Rev. Tim Hallett, former president of ESMHE, says it's "a simple equation." By cutting back on campus ministries, he said, "we turned off the tap 20 years ago, and now there's no [clergy] under 50." Indeed, there are fewer than 300 clergy under 35 in the church. Hallett



(left to right) Gale Kenny and Jared Smith are among the college students attending General Convention as volunteers for the Episcopal Society for Ministry in Higher Education.

photo/DICK SNYDER

does see a shift in attitudes across the church about campus ministries. "In the past, it was kind of 'well, isn't that nice,' but the church [understands] that we've dropped the ball and we've got to remedy that." He noted that the 1997 General Convention called on the Episcopal Church to include young people at all levels of church leadership, "and then the median age [of deputies] went up!"

Fifteen student volunteers from across

the country are at General Convention as ESMHE volunteers, researching legislative topics and attending or speaking at hearings. Gale Kenny, from Houston, TX, is a senior at Northwestern. She's been researching resolutions on the death penalty and talking about ESMHE to anyone who will listen. "You can talk to people in the strangest places," she said. "Walking from the hotel, you can introduce yourself as an ESMHE volunteer."

Jared Smith, a junior at the University of Oklahoma, has been focusing on young

clergy "and the lack thereof," he said. He's writing an article for *Issues 2000*, a publication of The Consultation, on the topic. He believes the ESMHE volunteers are making an important contribution because "people are seeing that we're not merely the youth presence, we're young adults and we have something to say."

Much of the church's youth programming is not geared to college-age students. "We go home in the summer and the only programs are either high school youth groups or 'singles groups.' That's not a good message to send, and ESMHE offers us an alternative."

Smith and Kenny cite Sarah Harte's candidacy for Executive Council as a great example of what ESMHE does. Harte, a 23-year-old deputy from Arizona, will be nominated from the floor, and her candidacy is being promoted by ESMHE. Smith is already intrigued enough and inspired by Harte to consider running for deputy from his home diocese of Oklahoma. ■

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Monks, nuns and associates of the church's religious orders emerge from a warm, dim St. John's Cathedral Sunday afternoon.

Twenty-four member communities of the Conference on the Religious Life were celebrating the conference's 50th anniversary with a solemn evensong and a reception on the lawn. Clouds of incense accompanied the religious as they processed earlier through the nave of the great gothic church. A "Directory 2000," describing the conference's member orders, all the traditional orders in the church in the United States and Canada, is available in the exhibit hall at the Cowley booth.



photo/DICK SNYDER

RESOLUTION

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mittee, was asked to study the theological basis of such unions. Though some members of the committee thought not enough has been done in that regard, her view is that "we have had a lot of efforts" in that direction. It is unlikely the church will ever create a theological understanding that will be satisfactory to everybody, she added.

Seeking a consensus

The committee had agreed to seek a consensus vote on resolutions it reports out to convention. It was able to achieve the consensus on everything but the compromise resolution's final resolve, which directs the SCLM to prepare rites that support relationships characterized by mutuality and fidelity "other than marriage." Bishops John Howe (Central Florida) and John Lipscomb (Southwest Florida) said they couldn't back a statement that supported the creation of rites for same-sex unions.

Howe said, "I personally couldn't support the creation of rites" for relationships outside of marriage, particularly because the church has not developed standards for such blessings.

Despite the committee's painstaking efforts at combining and reworking the language of the working paper and the Wolf resolution, Howe found the parts

did not create a harmonious whole. "We are trying to conflate two resolutions that are basically incompatible with each other," he argued.

Lipscomb concurred, noting the absence of a theological rationale for recognizing and blessing committed relationships outside of marriage, a concern Bishop Edwin Gulick (Kentucky) also shared.

The possibility of a consensus statement, however, had a powerful hold on other committee members. "If we are able to come up with a statement of consensus," said the Very Rev. Michael Barlowe (Iowa) "it seems to me that is a marvelous gift we can give the church."

Snow thought the standards upheld elsewhere in the resolution balanced the issues raised by Howe and Lipscomb.

A separated vote

With committee members insisting that a statement of consensus was necessary, Williams approved having a separate vote on the last resolve. Bishops and deputies on the committee unanimously endorsed all but the last resolve, and on the final resolve voted 5-1 among the deputies and 3-3 among the bishops to adopt it. With the bishops ending in a tie, the majority on the deputies' side decided the issue. Voting against the final resolve were the Rev. Barnum McCarty (Florida), and Bishops Howe, Lipscomb and Gulick.

At Williams' suggestion, the committee's bishops voted unanimously

to request that the House of Bishops recess when the resolution comes up on the floor of the House of Deputies so that the bishops can be present during the deputies' debate.

Homosexual unions not specifically addressed

Nowhere in the resolution or the working paper does the committee include specific reference to homosexuality or to gays and lesbians. At the press conference July 10, Snow said the committee was trying to address the issue of other committed relationships in addition to those of same-sex couples. The choice of the *Book of Occasional Services* for such rites was to avoid any competition with the sacrament of marriage, she said, which is a rite in the *Book of Common Prayer*.

Asked about a threatened walkout by Bishop John-David Schofield (San Joaquin) and 25 other bishops (as reported in the June issue of *Episcopal Life*) if the convention passes a resolution accepting homosexuality, Williams said he expected the rest of the house would try to stay in discussion with them. Admitting that he hadn't heard about the threat, Williams said the House of Bishops did not have a contingency plan for dealing with bishops who break communion with other bishops of the church. ■

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Something for everyone in Exhibit Hall

By SUSAN ERDEY

It's the best place to find friends you haven't seen for three years, and the Exhibit Hall is a metaphor for the Episcopal Church in all its diversity. From booksellers to vestment artists to advocacy groups, there's something for every interest and taste. A few booths worth visiting:

- Hmong Folk Art, Inc. (Booth 133): Sy Vang Lo from Laos and Eagan, Minn., spent five years in a refugee camp in Thailand before she and her family were sponsored for immigration by a charity in Minneapolis-St. Paul. She's been affiliated with the Episcopal Church for 15 years, and works with her Laotian community to create the beautiful handmade, needlework items for sale at the booth. "Our people make all the needlework, but we are afraid that we will lose the traditional design, that our work is dying." Jackets take from two to six months to complete, which means that workers earn only 20-50 cents an hour. Many community members have discovered they can earn more money by farming and growing vegetables so the number of needleworkers has dwindled. The booth features embroidered stoles and vestments, jackets, pillowcases, wall hangings, purses, vests, dresses and toys.

- Sophia, Inc. (Booth 138): A network of individuals and parishes interested in liturgical formation provides workshops, conferences and tools for innovative, participatory liturgy. Sophia consultants aren't interested in "Do you do it right?" rather, "Is your worship inviting?" Music CDs from St. Gregory of Nyssa, San Francisco, a parish that has implemented Sophia techniques, are available.

- Gathering the NeXt Generation:

(Booth 97A): This group pulls together all initiatives that evangelize the 18-35 age group known as Generation X, Generation Y, or "Millennials." What started out as a group of clergy under 35 has grown into a network of clergy and laity who want to create an environment where all those interested in reaching these generations will be emboldened to launch new initiatives. The booth, with its sofa and comfy chairs, e-mail stations, and up tempo music, provides a welcoming space to talk and build relationships.

- Ulster Project USA (Booth 47): Parishes in the United States sponsor groups of Irish high school students for a month-long visit with American families. Groups of teens —boys, girls, Roman Catholic, Protestant — live with host families of like denominations. A full schedule of picnics, tours, concerts and service projects builds community and helps the teens learn to know each other as people, not as categories. More than 30 Episcopal parishes nationwide participate, but there are enough students interested in the program to double that number.

- "¡Muchas gracias! from the Diocese of Honduras" (Booth 98A) is a "thank you" to the Episcopal Church from Bishop Leo Frade and the people of the Diocese of Honduras for all of the help given in the devastating aftermath of Hurricane Mitch. Volunteers have built 250 new houses, with 250 more to go; new churches and new schools are being built; safe wells are being dug. New work teams arrive every week to continue the rebuilding. Photos displayed around the booth show the "before and after" views of the damage and the construction.

Exhibit hours are listed in the General Convention directory. ■

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Diane Pollard and Marge Burke were among those representing the women of the church, who presented Chinnis with a copy of the newly-published *Women's Uncommon Prayers*, one of which Chinnis penned.

Bishop Browning joked that he is "an advertisement for retirement," relating that his blueberry patch in Oregon had produced more than two tons of blueberries last year. He donated profits to Episcopal Relief and Development (the former Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief). Presenting Chinnis with a pint of freshly picked blueberries, he invited her to join him in partnership in the blueberry venture. Then, speaking seriously of the "latter six years" of his term as Presiding Bishop, which were "filled with challenges I never expected," he praised Chinnis for her wise counsel and her loyalty. "Pam was the first person I called" when news of the embezzlement crisis hit, Browning said, and he credited her with doing "more to restore the credibility of the Episcopal Church than any [other] one person."

Musical offerings included a serenade by Church Center staffers and a rousing audience rendition of "Lift High the Cards," written in 1994 by deputies from Mississippi. Testimonials from Louie

Crew, Byron Rushing and Owanah Anderson, representing the gay and lesbian, African American and Native American communities, followed a choir's performance of "You've Got To Be Carefully Taught" from South Pacific. They spoke movingly about Chinnis' fierce commitment to the causes of justice and overcoming hatred.

Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold echoed the praise heaped on Chinnis throughout the evening. "I can only say 'Amen' to so much of what has been said tonight." He added, "You have been a wise counselor, you have a wicked wit and you're a wonderful friend. Bless you."

Griswold unveiled the first Presiding Bishop's Faith and Public Service Award, naming Chinnis as its inaugural recipient, "one who sets a high standard for future recipients." The award, to be presented annually, honors "a lay member of the Episcopal Church who, in public life, has demonstrated fidelity to the values of the Gospel following the Anglican way," and "holds up as an example to other people of faith that they may also serve as witnesses and models of courage, commitment and love that rejoices in the truth."

At the close of the evening, Chinnis thanked the crowd. "I'm speechless!" she said. "What a long way from the Ozarks. Thank you and God bless you all." ■



Nellie Greene and Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold reflect on her reading of the Gospel at Monday morning's Eucharist.

photo/DICK SNYDER

Witness to faith and perseverance

By DALE GRUNER

Almost a year and a half ago, the Rev. Elinor (Nellie) R. Greene, deacon in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, told her friend Helen White that she had a dream to read the Gospel at General Convention. Yesterday morning, Greene fulfilled that dream using a device called a phonic ear (a kind of talking laptop), bringing tears to the eyes of many.

As a result of a 1970 auto accident, Greene is crippled with rigidity, is legally blind, is unable to write by hand or speak and is dependent on a wheelchair or walker for mobility. "I communicate with a talking laptop PC, a big IBM PC, as well as with a smile and my eyes," Greene writes. After the accident, Greene graduated from Hampshire College Amherst, MA, and Yale Divinity School, did an interim year of post-graduate study at the University of Illinois and trained at the Philadelphia School for the Diaconate before ordination by Bishop Allen Bartlett in 1993.

Greene first met Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold and his wife Phoebe when she returned from New Hampshire. Griswold was then the new rector of the church she attended—St. Martin's in the Field, Philadelphia. "The first time I heard Nellie preach, it was through the voice of Frank Griswold," said White. Greene invites someone to deliver her sermons, then

rehearses them until the surrogate gets the inflections just right.

Greene's dream to read the Gospel at convention began to take shape when White made a call to Episcopal Community Services. They contacted the Presiding Bishop's office, and Griswold referred the request to the worship committee. A special ramp was built as part of the Convention altar so that Nellie could be wheeled up. The Convention sound engineers were highly skeptical of Nellie's plan to have a mic hand-held in front of her phonic ear, but the rehearsal proved her to be right.

"It was scary," Greene said through her laptop. "It was scary because of the responsibility." Her smile and her shining eyes clearly showed how happy she is to have fulfilled her dream.

Greene currently serves at The United Methodist Church, Chestnut Hill, where she also served while a student in diaconal school. "It's very close by and handicapped accessible," her mother, Cookie Greene, said. Her ministry includes the normal liturgical functions of a deacon, including regular preaching, but she writes that her primary ministry "is to bridge the gap between able-bodied people and people with disabilities. To explain what disability is all about, and decrease the fear and alienation which marginalize us." ■

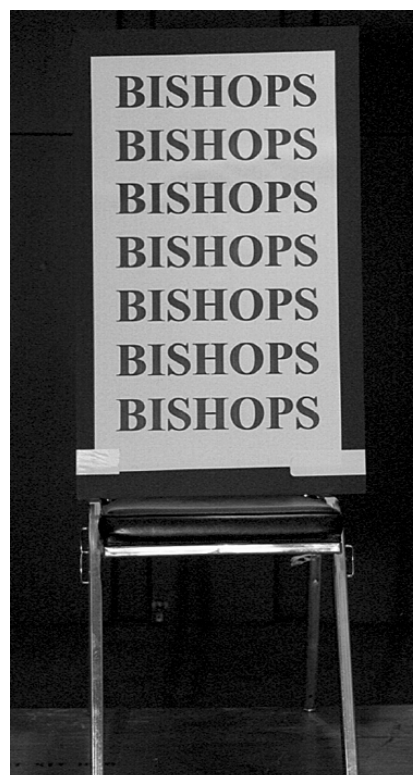
Hasse completes marathon

The Rev. Ed Hasse (Newark) ran his 11th marathon on Saturday from Leadville (10,000 ft) through Mosquito Point (13,000 ft). "It was my slowest time ever," Hasse said, at a little over six hours, earning him a 54th place finish out of about 100 runners. His best time previously is just under three and a half hours in the New York City marathon. "The altitude was tough, the course was steep but it was incredibly beautiful. And I finished," Hasse added. ■

Ring found in collection plate

A ring was found in a collection basket at the Convention Eucharist on July 9. If it was placed there by mistake, it can be reclaimed at the controller's office, room A113. Ask for Steve Didimamoff.

Didimamoff also reported that more than \$26,600 was collected for the United Thank Offering during the offertory on Sunday. ■



Honor The Earth



Betty LaDuke

Debt relief topic at Witness dinner

BY NAN COBBEY

“The international debt crisis is not something that has gone wrong with the system . . . not an unfortunate virus . . . not a freak storm,” Bishop Peter Selby of the Diocese of Worcester, England, said Sunday at an awards ceremony conducted by *The Witness* magazine.

“The crisis is intrinsic to the system,” the author of *Grace and Mortgage*, told the audience, adding, “It has to do with the uncontrolled hegemony of money.”

He indicated the crisis originated with the huge influx of money from increased

oil prices in the 1970s that had to be “sold”—loaned at interest. Much of that surplus money was loaned to “corrupt regimes . . . military regimes . . . dictatorial regimes,” he said. As interest rates rose, the poorest nations “found themselves paying at a rate quite beyond anything that had been envisioned,” eventually paying loans many times over. The remission of international debt is an issue of justice, “not a piece of charity,” stated Selby, who co-chaired the section on international debt at the 1998 Lambeth Conference. He said it was time wealthy

nations stopped benefitting financially from these loans.

Speaking at the St. Francis Center to about 80 people, Selby warned that the power of money has become a threat to all, not just the poor. More than an instrument, he said, money has become a “source of security and a form of salvation.”

He referred to lottery and credit card slogans in England as prime examples. “We have in those slogans the profoundest attack on the fundamentals of the Christian gospel. ‘It could be you’ is a slogan that should be reserved for the challenge of the vocation to serve God and follow Jesus Christ. ‘Taking the waiting out of wanting’ is an attack on the spirit of Christian hope . . . Waiting upon God, waiting on the purposes of Jesus is the most profoundly important thing that any human being can ever do. To think that it is something you can eliminate because someone will give you the money now is a very serious attack on the Gospel.”

The Witness magazine presented four awards at the Sunday afternoon gathering: the William Scarlett Award, named for a labor activist and bishop of the church, to Bishop Douglas Theuner of New Hampshire for his work on socially responsible investing; the Vida Scudder Award, named for an early feminist and activist in the church, to artist Betty LaDuke who has used her art on behalf of



Peter Selby

women’s economic justice internationally; the William Stringfellow Award, named for Episcopal theologian and activist lawyer, to Wally and Juanita Nelson, lifelong civil rights activists and tax resisters; the William Spofford Award, named for longtime *Witness* editor and labor advocate, to Baldemar Velasquez, founder of Farm Labor Organizing Committee. ■

In the midst of life . . .

BY TOM BECKWITH

The Rev. David Anderson, a board member of the AAC from Newport Beach, Calif., thought he was sneaking away from General Convention for the weekend to attend a family reunion in Redmond, Washington. Instead, he found himself one of the first people on the scene of a automobile accident involving a badly-injured woman. Only he and another witness, an anesthesiologist, knew how to administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). The doctor established an airway while Anderson administered closed-chest compression for more than 25 minutes before the ambulance arrived. “It felt like an eternity,” Anderson said. “We were both covered with blood. It’s hard to pray and count to five at the same time.” The 22-year-old woman’s heart re-started, but paramedics told Anderson that she was on full life support and not expected to survive. “Life can change in a second,” Anderson observed. ■



Vincent C. Currie Jr. (Central Gulf Coast) was elected on the afternoon of July 10 as vice president of the House of Deputies. The newly elected Currie, who resides in Pensacola, Florida, has been diocesan administrator of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast since 1981 and a deputy to General Convention since 1976. He was elected on the first ballot with 411 votes to Diane Pollard’s 329 votes and Lee Davis Thames’ 65.

photo/DICK SNYDER

BRIEFLY SPEAKING

Bishops:

Resolution C004, on **direct ordination** failed in the house and was referred back to committee.

Passed a resolution encouraging the Board of the Church Pension Fund (D046) to provide **short-term disability benefits** at no charge to all congregations and church-related organizations within the Pension Fund. The resolution now goes to the deputies.

A clarification amendment (B044) to Canon IV.3.19 — **Confidentiality in Title IV Matters**, was adopted and forwarded to the Deputies, as was a revision to Canon III.12.Sec. 1 (B048 as amended) to extend the applicability of Section 1 to all clergy ordained in the ELCA or its predecessor bodies before January 1, 2001.

A resolution (D056) to direct the Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons to prepare an **amendment to Title IV** regarding requests for remission of sentences, passed.

A **Pledge of Nonviolence** in congregations (A058) passed, and goes next to the deputies.

Adopted C012 on **Funding for Indigenous Theological Training Institute** (ITTI), amended to increase funding to \$450,000 from the \$375,000 requested.

Concurred with the deputies:

On Resolution B011 appropriating \$200,000 for each year of the next triennium to assist Provinces 1 to 8 in funding provincial program coordination.

To create an Association of Episcopal Health Care Groups and Individuals (A079); support implementation of a just wage (A081); a call to provide more adequate and comprehensive hospice and palliative care (A078); encourage awareness of justice issues related to HIV/AIDS (A052); support the lifting of economic sanctions against Iraq (C027).

A resolution to support the complete removal of U.S. military bases and personnel from Okinawa (D028) was forwarded to the Deputies, as was A066 directing the Standing Committee on Liturgy and Music to prepare a plan for liturgical revision, with an appropriation of \$750,000.

Deputies:

Considered a resolution (B036) that would have the 73rd General Convention “go on record **opposing private school vouchers**. B036 was approved in amended form, and now goes to the House of Bishops.

Passed a resolution calling clergy, vestries and congregations to “**open a dialogue**” with local Boy Scouts of America officials about their prohibition of gay scouts and scoutmasters (C031a).

Concurred with the bishops:

Endorsing a vision of evangelism (A033); amending certain canons in Title IV for grammar and clarification (A032); calling on the U.S. government to “recognize un-touchability as a crime against humanity” (D024); calling on the U.S. president to apologize for apartheid in South Africa (A005); endorsing “the exploration and study of restorative justice for our nation’s criminal justice system” (B003); endorsing a capital campaign for Episcopal Relief and Development (A109); amending Title IV canons to permit diocesan review committees, as well as Standing Committees, to deal with presentments and misconduct cases (A031); reaffirming geographic provinces (B005); promoting assistance to the people of Haiti (A012)

In other action, Deputies:

Recommended more stockholder action for socially-responsible causes by Church Pension Fund (C039a); affirmed traditional Anglican concepts of “shared authority” in the Anglican Communion (C009s); established a task force to explore alternative dispute resolution in clergy misconduct cases (A028a). ■

Correction

Mary Willms was quoted correctly in Monday’s *Convention Daily*; however, the photo was of Sara Guest.