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The Rev. Bob Wright, one of the drafters of the Called to Common Mission and a professor at General Theological Seminary, waits the final vote on CCM in the House of Bishops on Friday. See Story, page 3.

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Collins cancels concert over 'discrimination'

BY JAMES H. THRALL

News that singer Judy Collins had canceled a scheduled concert at General Convention to protest what she called the church's discriminatory policies against homosexuals prompted a strong response at the convention Eucharist of Integrity, a national Episcopal group of gays and lesbians.

In his homily to the congregation that filled St. Johns Cathedral in Denver on July 6, Bishop Steven Charleston said Collins must have "been talking to the wrong people."

The Episcopal Church "has a long way to go," Charleston said. But, he added, "Judy, look at all the faces in this room, look at the healing that is rising up in this cathedral."

In a news release issued earlier Thursday, Collins stated that she was canceling her scheduled appearance at a July 10 concert to benefit the Episcopal Relief and Development. Collins said that she was "shocked" to learn that "the Episcopal Church, of which I'm a member and in which I was married, does not have an official national church policy allowing ministers to officiate at same-sex unions

or ordain openly gay people."

While the church is considering moves that would allow each diocese to determine "whether or not to ordain gays and lesbians, or bless same-gender couples on a local level," Collins said that the lack of a national policy amounted to "supporting discrimination." She said she decided to cancel her appearance to protest this "indecision of the Episcopal Church to fully accept all persons into the Christian faith."

Sandra S. Swan, executive director of

the relief agency, said in a statement that she respects Collins' "right to make her own decision." She assured those planning to attend the concert that they would still enjoy the show, which features the choral group Chanticleer and musicians from the Aspen Music Festival and Opera Theatre. The show will celebrate the 60th anniversary of the agency, formerly called the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief.

Integrity's president, the Rev. Michael
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60th ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON Sandra Swan, executive director, greets Presiding Bishop Frank T. Griswold, president of the newly named Episcopal Relief and Development (formerly the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief) following a special luncheon on Thursday. See story, page 2.

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CALENDAR

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Convention Daily is distributed each morning to the Hyatt, Marriott, Westin, Holiday Inn and Executive Towers hotels and at locations in the Colorado Convention Center. Notices for the daily Calendar must be delivered to the volunteer receptionist at Convention Daily office, Room C104-106, by 2 p.m. of the day preceding publication. Full information about your event is needed in order to have it published.

Half-hour orientations for convention visitors are offered twice daily in Room A109 at 8:40 before the morning Eucharist and at 1:45 p.m. 'Mini' sign language classes will be offered daily at the Episcopal Conference of the Deaf Booth 92 at 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 3 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 8

- 7:30 a.m. Legislative committees meet.
- 9:30 a.m. Eucharist and Scripture reflection.
- 11 a.m. Legislative sessions.
- 1 p.m. Rally in support of debt relief, sponsored by Jubilee 2000 Colorado coalition and Government Relations Office, on the green behind Currihan Hall (corner of Speer Boulevard and Stout Street).
- 1:15 p.m. Africa team program ministry lunch, "The Church in Africa." Room C-212.
- 1:15 p.m. Luncheon for bishops and deputies, American Anglican Council headquarters.
- 2 p.m. Fresh Start demonstration at Church Deployment Board Booth 98.
- 2:30 p.m. Legislative sessions.
- 4 p.m. Careers in theological education, tea and informal discussion, hosted by the Fellows Forum, Hyatt Regency.
- 4 p.m. Mile High Break, AAC headquarters. Refreshments and sharing of personal transformation stories.
- 5:30 p.m. General Theological Seminary Reception, Hyatt Regency Imperial Ballroom.
- 6 p.m. Episcopal Divinity School dinner. Speaker, Bishop Steve Charleston, Lawrence A-B room on mezzanine level, Westin Tabor Center, \$40.
- 7 p.m. Deacon's Hospitality Night, Denver Marriott City Center, Salon A & B; Sign up at N.A.A.D. Booth.
- 7 p.m. General Theological Seminary Dinner, Hyatt Regency Imperial Ballroom.
- 7:30 p.m. Benefit concert for Jubilee Ministry Grants Fund. Reception to follow. Cathedral Church of St. John-in-the-Wilderness. Cost: \$25-\$50. Reception, \$25. Tickets at Booth 63.

SUNDAY, JULY 9

- 8 a.m. Episcopal Women's Caucus breakfast. Keynote: Bishop Barbara Harris. \$15. Advance reservations required (Booth 156). Hyatt Regency.
- 10 a.m. Convention Eucharist and UTO In-Gathering.
- 2 p.m. ECW conversation with Phoebe Griswold.
- 3:30 p.m. 50th anniversary of the Conference on the Religious Life in the Anglican Communion in the Americas, solemn vespers, light refreshments, Cathedral Church of St. John in the Wilderness.

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Bishop of Cuba seeks fellowship, not dollars



Bishop Jorge Perera Hurtado

By DALE GRUNER

For Bishop Jorge Perera Hurtado of Cuba, one of a number from other churches in the Anglican Communion, visiting General Convention is a way to meet other bishops, re-establish fellowship with the U.S. church and remind people that the Cuban church is alive and well.

"Faith can break the barriers," he said. "I came here not to ask for dollars but for friendship and solidarity." Perera's wife, Teresa, and three others from the diocese are accompanying him on this visit.

The diocese has 62 organized missions and preaching stations, serving about 10,000 communicants. Parishes as understood in the U.S. don't exist; the model is more like the British system, where larger churches have smaller nearby preaching stations, Perera explained.

"Since the American church severed relations with the Cuban church in the '60s, we have been isolated and alone," he said. But, increasingly, visitors from all

parts of the U.S. are traveling to Cuba, including a delegation from Denver that plans to visit in October.

"Most Episcopalians in the U.S. are surprised there is an Episcopal Church in Cuba, despite our vitality and growth." Perera is especially proud of the growing number of youngsters who are in church and Sunday school. This year the diocese is sponsoring two summer camps with about 80 children in each.

People left the church years ago, Perera explained, because they were afraid of diminishing their status in the country if they were openly Christian. Some government jobs were closed to Christians, as were some courses of study. That is no longer true, and people are returning to church. "God works in mysterious ways," he said, citing the words of the prophet Habakkuk, "How long, O Lord, have I cried to thee, unanswered?" Now, Perera says, it seems that God is answering.

Resolution C045 (substitute) calls for

the restoration of diplomatic relations between the U.S. and Cuba. It was approved by the House of Deputies Friday and now goes to the House of Bishops.

Perera believes the estrangement between the two countries, including the embargo, makes no sense to anyone other than Cuban-Americans.

Clergy pensions an issue

Clergy benefits are unequal. Those ordained before the split from the American church are in the Church Pension Fund; those ordained later are not. That's one of the reasons Perera is excited about the possibility of becoming part of a new Anglican province by 2003, which would include Haiti, the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico.

In addition to developing their own liturgies and music, the new province would allow establishing a pension fund. "We have nothing to lose and plenty to gain," if this dream is realized, he said. ■

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'Heterosexism' resolution sparks questions, scrutiny

A resolution that included a call for a pastoral study guide on "heterosexism" was incorporated into another resolution and subjected to a vote by orders July 7.

The results of the vote were not announced by the end of the day.

Resolution B008 was incorporated into C008 by the special committee on sexuality; an amendment changed the source of the study group from the House of Bishops to a joint committee.

While the rest of C008, calling for "mutual sharing, study and discernment concerning human sexuality" was passed, the heterosexism portion went to the vote by orders.

The term "heterosexism" as a "systemic form of injustice" raised questions at a briefing earlier in the day.

The term also drew fire from conservative members of the church in hearings held by the special committee this week.

Ian Douglas, a briefing officer and professor of world mission at the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Mass., described heterosexism in terms of power relations and the privilege enjoyed by heterosexual people in society.

"As a straight, white male, I assume I have an unearned backpack of privilege that affords me power and access at the expense of those who are 'the other,'" said Douglas. The "other" he defined as those who suffer oppression because of the privileges enjoyed by those in power.

Briefing officers stressed that heterosexism is not synonymous with homophobia, the "irrational fear of the other," but is a systemic injustice that involves power and privilege being exercised, for the most part unconsciously, he said.

Bishop Chester Talton of the Diocese of Los Angeles clarified that a critique of heterosexism does not imply that being heterosexual is sinful. The sin comes "in the use of an inordinate power over others," he said. Power is the common denominator among all systemic forms of oppression, he added. ■

Based on reports by Episcopal News Service.

New name announced for venerable agency

By NAN COBBEY

The Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief will now be known as Episcopal Relief and Development. Presiding Bishop Frank T. Griswold made the announcement at a luncheon July 7.

"The present name, though historic, is cumbersome," said Griswold of the agency, which is celebrating its 60th anniversary at this General Convention. "A number of newspapers will not carry [the name] and in no way does it identify the Episcopal Church."

Sandra Swan, executive director of the fund, believes the new name more clearly describes the mission of the fund.

"Emergency relief has always been a focus of our work and will remain so. But

we know that well-defined development programs that attack the root causes of poverty and disease can sometimes prevent emergencies, so we are expanding our work in this development area."

Swan also stressed the agency's desire to "emphasize our identity with the Episcopal Church. We serve as the bridge between concerned Episcopalians and people in need in the United States and abroad. We work on behalf of each member of the [church] and our name should reflect that connection."

Last year contributions to the fund topped \$10 million for the first time, Swan said. ■

Nan Cobbeby is features editor for *Episcopal Life*.

Phoebe Griswold sees opportunities in her ministry

Phoebe Griswold asked and answered two essential questions about Episcopal Relief and Development July 7 as she addressed the 750 people attending the agency's luncheon at the Hyatt Regency.

"What gifts have we been given through this organization that are part of God's ecology, God's gift of life, that we are to give away?"

Griswold, who has traveled to Honduras, Nicaragua, the Carolinas, Jerusalem and the Middle East for the agency, until July 7 known as the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief, described her visits and told how, in each place, she tried to discern the particular "charism" of her church, asking always "What is it that Episcopal Relief and Development can do that no one else can do?"

Her answers focused on a structure that "allows us to move resources very quickly ... to meet immediate needs" and the sensitivity that means serving all those in need, not just members of the Episcopal Church.

Griswold, wife of the presiding bishop,

described her visit to the Diocese of East Carolina, where migrant workers, homeless and penniless after the flooding, were sent to Florida for the citrus harvest. "Here our church was serving the most needy without question of their faith affiliation."

In praising the work going on in Honduras since Hurricane Mitch, Griswold alluded to the fund's increasing focus on development. "We are building homes for people who lost everything. But what is visionary in this project is that we are thinking about more than just houses. We are building community. We are identifying all the elements that create sustainable communities — infrastructures like electricity, water, waste management, a clinic, job training, schooling and, of course, a church. ... It is this that will ultimately be the strength that enables these people to not only survive but to thrive."

Griswold concluded her description of the work in Honduras with an observation that visibly moved many. "We took our resources, our tradition and our passionate belief in the incarnation. ... We lived it out where the need was the greatest. I saw the compassion of our clergy, the generosity of our people, our love of halting both life and death and, in a moment in time, we gave it all away."

— Nan Cobbeby

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Concert to benefit Jubilee ministries

Internationally acclaimed opera singer Yun Deng will headline a benefit concert for the Jubilee Ministry Grants Fund on at 7:30 p.m. July 8 at the Cathedral of St. John in the Wilderness. She will be joined by the Jubilee Youth Chorale of the Episcopal Church of our Savior, New York, under the direction of Soon-Eng Lim Chao, and pantomime artist Doug Berky.

The Jubilee Ministry program, begun in 1982 by General Convention, has worked ever since to build "a ministry of joint discipleship with poor and oppressed people wherever they are found, to meet human needs and build a just society." Jubilee ministries are community-based centers, offering programs such as job training and placement, AIDS ministry, day care for children or adults, English as a second language, affordable housing, volunteer development, gang alternatives and parenting skills.

Congregations interested in becoming a Jubilee center can contact the Rev. Carmen Guerrero, national Jubilee officer, at the Episcopal Church Center, 800-334-7626, ext. 6052; cguerrero@dfms.org. ■



Bishops approve Lutheran agreement

By a commanding margin, the House of Bishops passed resolution A040 on July 7, calling for adoption of Called to Common Mission, the proposal for full communion with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA).

Resolutions A041 and A042, two constitutional amendments, were also approved for a second time, as required, with no debate. They were voted on first in 1997.

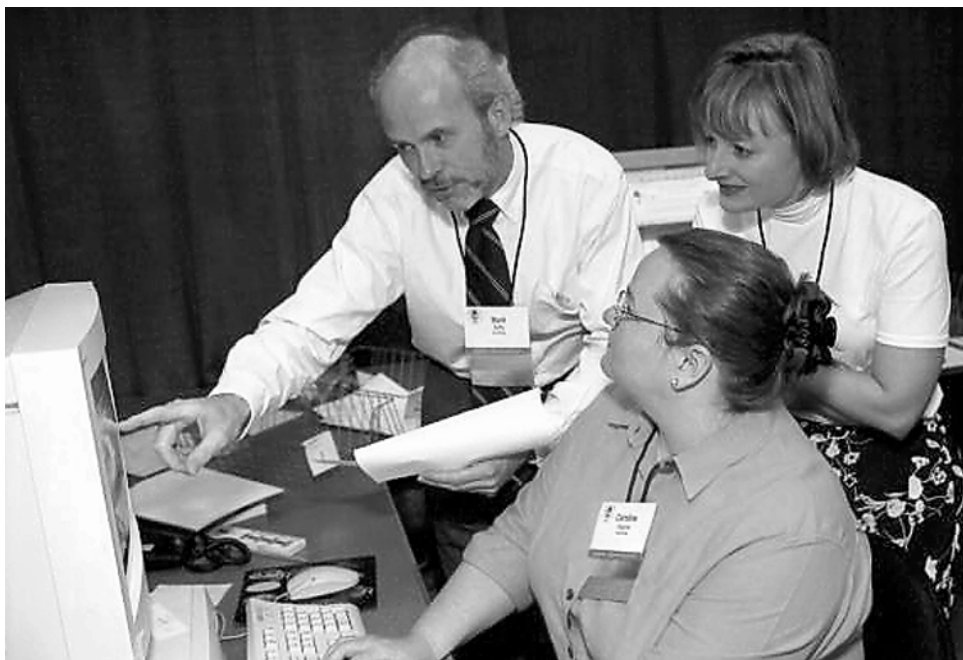
The three resolutions will likely be taken up by the House of Deputies as a

special order today, probably after noon, according to John McCann, chair of the Dispatch of Business Committee. He said the messages from the bishops concerning the latter two resolutions passed were received too late for the deputies to act on all three together.

Called to Common Mission commits the Episcopal Church and the ELCA to a full sharing of ministries and mission. The Lutheran Churchwide Assembly approved it earlier this year.

If approved by the deputies, the agreement becomes effective Jan. 1, 2001. ■

Convention legislation since '76 on the Web



Pictured left to right, Mark Duffy, Caroline Higgins and Jennifer Peters, members of the Archives' staff, review convention legislation (1976-1997) now available on the web at www.episcopalarchives.org. The site is equipped with a search engine to identify, view and print the final text and the legislative history of resolutions on a particular topic. Though convention participants may use this resource independently, the Archives' staff is available for research assistance and can be reached in the General Convention office, room A205; phone 303-228-8521.

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COLLINS

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Hopkins, also said his organization respects Collins' "right to make this decision." Integrity appreciates "the message of the full inclusion of lesbian and gay persons that she intends to send to the church," he said.

At the same time, he added, "the Episcopal Church, we believe, is on a journey to the full inclusion of gay and lesbian people, a journey we, as Episcopalians, are proud of — despite the fact that it remains incomplete." Hopkins said, "We especially regret that this action affects the Presiding Bishop's Fund, one of the church's finest organizations, which helps countless thousands of people throughout the world, including gay and lesbian persons." ■

James H. Thrall and Robert Williams contributed to this story.

Rally, human chain to support debt relief

Turn up the heat on debt relief at 1 p.m. today on the green behind Currihan Hall (Speer Boulevard and Stout Street). The Jubilee 2000 Colorado coalition and the church's government relations office are sponsoring a rally and human chain to symbolize the chains of debt and the chain of solidarity created when Jubilee is proclaimed. There will be speakers and music too.

Correction

Because of incorrect information in the on-line Episcopal Clerical Directory, the wife of the Rev. Reynolds Cheney II was incorrectly reported in the July 7 Convention Daily ("Three nominated to lead deputies"). His first wife, Allan, is deceased. He is married to Stephanie Turnbull.



State-of-the-art technology updates many of the conventions exhibits in Denver. While Church Publishing uses laptops to show off "The Rite Stuff," others have websites readily available to help tell their stories to visitors.

photo/ DICK SNYDER

It's a wired, wired world

BY SUSAN ERDEY

The 73rd General Convention is wired and in touch. Even more than three years ago, deputies and bishops are using technology to make their work easier.

Unlike the 1997 convention, when only a handful of deputies brought personal computers, this year deputies and bishops can be seen hauling laptops to and from the Colorado Convention Center along with the ubiquitous 3-ring legislative notebooks and water bottles. Even the Blue Book rose to new heights with a CD-ROM including committee reports and resolutions that could be referenced by topic.

The presence of laptops on the floor of the House of Deputies caused concern for some, an issue that was addressed in Resolution D030 prohibiting "external communication devices" on the floor while the house is in session. But, as the Rev. Christopher Keough (Milwaukee) pointed out, "if we follow it to the letter [the resolution] would prohibit the use of [electronic voting] devices," being used for the first time this convention. Keough successfully urged deputies to exempt the voting devices.

While large screens have offered a clear view of speakers on the floor of the house for some time, the plethora of smaller high-tech tools poses a dilemma. Palm Pilots and wireless e-mail, cell phones and vibrating pagers, sometimes threaten to overshadow the order of regular business. Deputy Charles Crump (West Tennes-

see), a veteran of the days of voting by red and green cards, prevented the addition of a laundry list of exempted devices to the resolution by proposing that the whole matter be referred back to more technologically savvy committee members.

The house affirmed a ban on communication devices and empowered the president to make exceptions.

A "paperless" newsroom

All news releases produced by the Episcopal News Service (ENS) this year are posted to the General Convention Web page. Reporters simply plug their laptops into modem ports installed in the press room and download releases directly to their hard drives. In past years, reams of paper were consumed making multiple copies, which were then faithfully stuffed into individual mailboxes several times a day.

In an heroic example of cross-country use of technology, Diocese of Los Angeles communications officer Bob Williams found himself at Thursday evening's Integrity Eucharist across town at the Cathedral of St. John in the Wilderness, needing to file a story. Lacking a laptop, Williams phoned his assistant in Los Angeles on his cell phone, dictated the story, and then had his assistant e-mail the completed story back to the Convention press room. Colorado to California to Colorado, in less than an hour. ■

ENS reporter Jan Nunley contributed to this report.

Two Lords serving in one house

By Bob Williams

Identical twins, both Episcopal priests, are active deputies at this meeting of General Convention. Kansas deputy Rob Lord is rector of St. Michael and All Angels Church in Mission, a suburb of Kansas City. Virginia deputy Rick Lord is rector of Church of the Holy Comforter, Vienna. The brothers' father, the Rev. David Lord, is retired in the Diocese of Central Florida.

"When we've celebrated with our father," says Rick, "we tell people, 'This is the House of Lords!' or 'Come see three Lords a-leaping!'"

The brothers, 47, grew up in the Diocese of Washington, where their father served a church in Potomac, Md. Rick credits that diocese's strong youth program with the brothers' decision to follow in their father's priestly footsteps. Rob, the elder "by about 3 minutes," was the first to follow the process to ordination, followed a year later by Rick.

A social psychology major at Florida Atlantic University, Rob attended seminary at Nashotah House. Rick, meanwhile, attended Virginia Theological Seminary and the Berkeley Divinity School at Yale after he completed a music degree, specializing in classical guitar, at Catholic University. It's Rick's first General Convention as a deputy, while Rob is returning for the second time. "We're both absolutely dedicated to the Episcopal Church and to serving it and its people," says Rick. "And we're grateful to be here as delegates together."

Have they swapped seats on the convention floor? Not yet, but they do occasionally exchange pulpits, providing their congregations with a bit of the same "double take" with which they are turning heads here in Denver. ■

Bob Williams is communications director in the Diocese of Los Angeles.

photo/ DICK SNYDER



BRIEFLY SPEAKING

The AIDS resolution A052 passed the House of Deputies Friday morning, but without the controversial third resolve stating "the blessing of committed, monogamous relationships, promotes effective prevention of HIV/AIDS." The vote by orders on the amendment striking the third resolve was taken Thursday, but the results not announced until Friday morning. The main resolution passed on a voice vote.

The deputies adopted a change in the rules of order (D027) that seats and gives voice to 18 youth, two from each province, on the floor of the house. The youth had been seated at the side of the house. Following adoption, they moved onto their place on the floor. Passage was accompanied by a standing ovation—a rarity in the House of Deputies, where applause is strongly discouraged.

A substitute rule of order (D069, originally D030) prohibiting the use of wireless communication devices including telephones and pagers was adopted.

The House also elected 12 members to six-year terms on the board of the Church Pension Fund, and one person, James E. Bayne, to fill an unexpired three-year term. The 11 elected were: The Rev. John Biggs, The Rev. A. Thomas Blackmon, The Rev. Randall Chase Jr., William Craddock, Amy Domini, The Rt. Rev. Chilton Knudsen, Arthur Kusumoto, The Rt. Rev. Peter James Lee, The Rt. Rev. Claude Payne, The Rt. Rev. Quintin Primo, Katherine Tyler Scott and Deborah Harmon Hines.

In other action, the deputies:

- Referred to the committee on structure a resolution calling for reducing the cost of General Convention (A110).

- Adopted the creation of "The Alleluia Fund—Build My Church."

- Voted on election of members of the board of trustees of the Church Pension Fund. James Bayne was elected to a three-year term. Further results of the ballots are pending.

- Adopted a substitute resolution (C045) asking the President of the United States and members of Congress who are Episcopalians to restore full diplomatic relations between the United States and Cuba.

- Brought the canons on funding the budget into line with current practice (D041a)

- Changed the terminology used to refer to the components of the budget (D042a)

- Referred a resolution defining "sexual equality" to committee (C021r) for further study

- Increased annual funding for historically Black colleges to \$2 million (C038a) and adding \$450,000 to their budgets to fund the Single Parent/ Mother Support programs (D002a)

- Mandated that copies of the church's published works be archived (A015a)

- Called on lawmakers and physicians to improve hospice care (A078)

- Called for continued work on a comprehensive communication strategy (D050a) in cooperation with Episcopal Communicators

- Asked Executive Council to establish a process for congregations to identify themselves as "safe spaces" for sexual minorities (A009a)

Also, the house concurred with the House of Bishops in:

- Encouraging dioceses to raise public awareness of economic issues that affect the poor (A001)

- Continuing the Committee on Sexual Exploitation (A098)

- Adopting and implementing specific ethical principles for international economic development, as stated in the resolution (A002);

- Commending the new government of the Republic of South Africa for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (A004);

- Urging the U.S. government "to increase aid and the business sector to encourage private investment in South Africa specifically targeted to improve the education system and other programs to lift the poor out of their poverty" (A003);

- Urging members of the Episcopal church to greater awareness of social and economic problems facing farmers and rural communities, and of discriminatory practices against minority farmers (C034);

- Acknowledging the work done in dioceses to affirm "Total Ministry" in small congregations... (A019);

- Receiving the report from the Standing Commission on Ministry Development entitled "Toward a Theology of Ministry" (A072);

- Urging dioceses, seminaries and clergy "to study the theological and ethical issues that arise near the end-of-life..." (A077); and

- Adopting the Stewardship Statement of the Standing Commission on Stewardship and Development, which is included in the resolution (A106). ■

Bishops pray together, build trust

The House of Bishops is beginning each afternoon's session behind closed doors, not to discuss issues but to pray together and share their faith with one another, according to the Rev. Margaret Bullitt-Jonas, one of the bishops' two chaplains.

Either Bullitt-Jonas or the Rev. James Fenhagen II, also serving as a chaplain, offers a reflection at the beginning of each session. The purpose is to build on recent House of Bishops' meetings where a lot of time has been spent on learning to listen to one another, sharing their faith with one another and building trust, Bullitt-Jonas said.

"Hopefully, this will make it easier to listen to one another when the difficult issues come up," Bullitt-Jonas said.

Bishops Catherine Roskam and Chester Talton touched on the changes in the atmosphere of the House of Bishops, in a press briefing on Thursday, with Roskam calling it a "sea change" since the last convention in Philadelphia in 1997.

"There is not as much legislation coming. We are not as intent on the work as we are indeed together in trying to sense and discern the Holy Spirit's work," said Talton.

"I certainly feel it and I know others do," said Roskam. "One of the things people think is happening in the house is that we are being nice to each other and backing off of issues, and that is not really the case. What we are doing is growing in love and in deeper conversation about our differences." The house is "moving towards a mutuality of respect where we don't dismiss each other; and understanding that we all believe that we are working for the good of the church and Christ's gospel." ■

CALENDAR

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- 4 p.m. Spirits of Justice Awards sponsored by The Witness. Speaker: Bishop Peter Selby of Worcester, England, and author of "Grace and Mortgage"; St. Francis Center.
- 8 p.m. Celebration of Pamela Chinnis' ministry, Colorado Ballroom, Marriott Hotel.

BOOK SIGNINGS SATURDAY, JULY 8

- 10 a.m. The contributors to Gathering

the NeXt Generation: Essays on the Formation and Ministry of GenX Priests, Morehouse.

- 12 p.m. "Things Seen and Unseen," by Nora Gallagher, Episcopal Book/ Resource Center.

- 12:30 p.m. "Caught in Between" by Bishop Riah El Al Assal, bishop of Jerusalem, Episcopal Peace and Justice Network Booth #48.

- 1 p.m. "I Will, with God's Help," an Episcopal Confirmation for Youth and Adults, by Mary Lee Wile, Morehouse.

- 1:30 p.m. "Premarital Guidance," by Charles Taylor, Fortress Press, Booth 14-16. ■

How do you spend your free time?

For the Rev. Ed Hasse, deputy from the Diocese of Newark, it's running a marathon. On Saturday, Hasse will run his 11th marathon—but his first at high altitude—starting at 10,000 feet in Leadville, Colo., and going up to 13,000 feet before heading back to Leadville. "I've kept my normal training schedule with no problem since I got to Denver on Sunday, but I'm still a little nervous about the altitude," Hasse admitted.

photo/ DICK SNYDER

