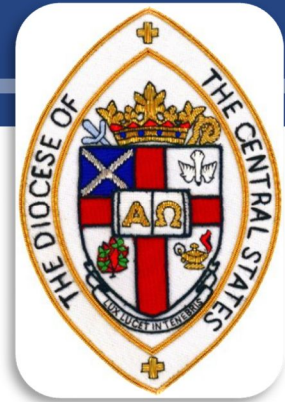


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News from Covenant Church, Roanoke, VA

On May 17 Bishop Daniel R. Morse instituted the Rev. William H. Smith as Vicar of Covenant Church, effective June 1. Fr. Bill had previously assisted Fr. Rich Workowski. On Sunday, May 31, Fr. Workowski conducted his last service as Interim Vicar following which the parish honored Fr. Rich and Joan Workowski for their faithful and fruitful service with a reception at which gifts were presented. Fr. Rich continues to assist with services most weeks as well as to serve as an occasional accompanist.



Fr. William Smith, Bishop Daniel Morse, and Fr. Rich Workowski

On September 13, Bishop Morse will again visit, this time for the purpose of consecrating the church. Covenant was formed in 1981. The building was purchased in the name of the then Providence Church of Lynchburg in 1982. It was transferred to Covenant Church in 1984.

The Consecration Service with Holy Communion will be held at 10:30 AM. The musicians for the festive occasion will include a piper and a trumpeter. Mr. Climmit Sigler, who served as a Lay Reader for the parish, will participate. A formal reception will follow the service. All are invited and will be warmly welcomed. The church address is 6429 Merriman Road, Roanoke, VA 24018. For further information contact Fr. Smith at williamhsmith1109@gmail.com.



For more information, visit <http://www.crecroanoke.org/home.html>.

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Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Parish/Mission	Date
New Covenant School/All Saints Mission, Lynchburg, VA	09/06/15
Covenant REC, Roanoke, VA	09/13/15
St. Andrew's, Appomattox, VA	09/20/15
St. Andrew's, Asheboro, NC	09/27/15
Christ Our Hope, Westpoint, TN	10/04/15
Trinity REC, Mason, OH	10/11/15
All Saints, Raleigh, NC	10/18/15
Fr Dan Thomas	10/25/15
Fr. Matthew & Sora Colvin, Davao City, Philippines	11/01/15
Christ The King, Dayton, OH	11/08/15
St. Andrew's, Signal Mtn., TN	11/15/15
Trinity Anglican, Evansville, IN	11/22/15
St. Paul's, Greenfield, IN	11/29/15

“About Trinity REC” Welcome Video

by Andy Goetz, Trinity REC, Mason, OH

As more and more people use the Internet to access information about everything from news to local events and churches (does anyone use the printed Yellow Pages anymore?), Trinity REC in Mason, OH, has produced and posted a Welcome video on their website to introduce searchers to the church. The video has over 500 views since being posted earlier this summer. In it Bishop Peter Manto, rector of Trinity Church, invites viewers to visit the church and highlights various aspects of a typical Sunday service. Feel free to take a look at the video and share it with friends and family. You can find the video on the “About Trinity” page of Trinity's website:

(www.trinityrec.org).



News from Fr. Matt and Sora Colvin

Missionaries to the Philippines

The next year will bring many changes for the Colvin family. For a few more months, they will continue their ministries in Davao City. Sora is busy at the birth center, teaching and supervising student and staff midwives and attending lots of births. This month she has also been doing ultrasounds each week, taking over for the clinic director who is in the States this fall. Fr. Matt's ministries include Hebrew and Greek classes for Filipino clergy, his new radio show on Mango radio, and classes for missionary kids at Faith International Academy. In December, the Colvins will return to the USA for six months of home assignment, during which they will be visiting their supporters and preparing for the transition to Indonesia. In June, they plan to move to Indonesia, where Fr. Matt will be teaching in the seminary of the Anglican Church in Indonesia (GAI) in Bandung.

Indonesia is a nation of 240 million people (4th largest population in the world!) with a fledgling Deanery of some 25 churches, but fewer than 5 ordained Indonesian clergy for those churches. The Diocese of Singapore is an ideal mission partner for members of the Reformed Episcopal Church and the Anglican Church in North America, since it is just as committed as they are to Anglican orthodoxy and Biblical sexual morality. The chance to use Fr. Matt's knowledge of the Bible and Biblical languages to equip

the Indonesian clergy is not to be missed. God has prepared the Colvin family with three years' experience of missionary life in the Philippines, which is in many ways a perfect stepping stone to another nation in Asia-Pacific.

Prayer Requests

- Pray for the students in Sora's midwifery classes, especially those who are taking board exams this fall.
- Pray that the Colvins' support level will rise and that they may have wisdom to make good use of what they have. Pray for God to raise up new supporters.
- Pray that Sora will fully recover from a nagging respiratory infection that has lingered for several weeks after her bout with fever.
- Pray that the Colvins' remaining time in the Philippines will be fruitful and productive, and that all of them (especially the children) will be able to have “good goodbyes” and a smooth transition to home assignment and their new placement.

For more information, visit
<http://receivewithmeekness.wordpress.com/>

Prayer Request

The following prayer request is excerpted from an email Bishop Morse's received from an Israeli friend, Baruch Maoz (pictured at right), whose house was burglarized on August 6 while he and his wife Bracha were away.



Our safe was broken into and removed with all its contents: the totality of our savings in the form of collectors' coins, to the value of some \$85,000 which we were to use to make the final payment on the home; some of Bracha's jewelry that had value; and documents. In addition, significant damage was

done to the house itself. We have yet to go through the house and discover what else might be missing.

The police are investigating but there is little likelihood that the thieves will be caught. A portion of the damage and the losses are covered by insurance, but we expect the insurance company to try to avoid payment.

Your prayers will be much appreciated as we think through the issues and deal with what is on the one hand an unwelcome situation. On the other, God has his gracious purposes in this all and we rest in his goodness.

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Updates from Anglican Relief and Development Fund

South Sudan

Anglican Relief and Development Fund (ARDF) has received an appeal for emergency funding from trusted Anglican partners who are providing vital assistance to refugees fleeing escalating violence in South Sudan. The immediate needs of the refugees are food, shelter, clothing, and spiritual care as they wait to be registered at UN camps. Local Anglicans are hard pressed to provide for the needs of the poor entering their communities.

How You Can Help

Please join us in praying for our brothers and sisters in South Sudan:

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and forever. Amen.

You may also make a donation on the page linked below:

<http://anglicanaid.net/refugee-crisis-in-south-sudan-intensifies/>

Myanmar

In mid-August, ARDF received an appeal for emergency funding from The Church of the Province of Myanmar (CPM) to help victims of severe flooding caused by an unusually violent monsoon season, and this need is ongoing. Many residents have lost all their possessions and been forced into camps as their homes remain underwater. Local Anglican churches are active in the relief effort under the leadership of CPM's Relief Committee.

How You Can Help

Please join us in praying for our brothers and sisters in Myanmar:

Compassionate God, draw near to our brothers and sisters in Myanmar in this time of sorrow and anguish, comfort those who mourn, strengthen those who are weary, encourage those in despair, and lead us all to fullness of life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

You may also make a donation on the page linked below:

<http://anglicanaid.net/myanmar-severe-flooding/>

Consecration of Trinity Anglican Church, Evansville, IN

By Fr. David Straw

On July 19, 2015, eighty-three people gathered at Trinity Anglican Church to witness the Consecration of Trinity's newly completed church building. Three Bishops took part in the service: Bishop Daniel Morse, Bishop Peter Manto, and Bishop Sam Seamans. The Rev. Fr. Wayne McNamara from Christ the King Anglican Church was also present and took part in this historic service. Pictured are a few highlights of the day.

For more information, visit <http://www.tacrec.org/>

