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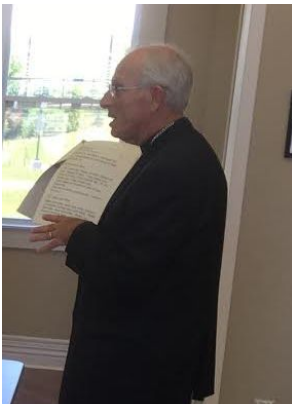
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Covenant REC, Roanoke, VA

By Fr. Bill Smith

On Sunday June 19, several members of Covenant REC in Roanoke, VA, began a ministry at Friendship Manor. Services are held on the third Sunday of every month at 1:00 pm. Below are some pictures from the first service, led by Fr. Rich Workowski.



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Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Parish/Mission	Date
St. Andrews, Appomattox, VA	10/23/2016
St. Andrews, Asheboro, TN	10/30/2016
Christ Our Hope, Westpoint, TN	11/06/2016
Trinity REC, Mason, OH	11/13/2016
All Saints, Raleigh, NC	11/20/2016
Fr. Matt & Sora Colvin	11/27/2016
Christ the King, Dayton, OH	12/04/2016
Trinity Anglican, Evansville, IN	12/11/2016
St. Paul's, Greenfield, IN	12/18/2016
St. James, Memphis, TN	12/25/2016
Holy Trinity, Fairfax, VA	01/01/2017
Church of the Redeemer, Wilson, NC	01/08/2017
St. Jude's, Richmond, VA	01/15/2017

Back to School at Dominion Academy

By Dss. Michelle Caldwell, Head of School

While the beginning of the school year is always a little crazy, this year has been particularly challenging. Our construction project was not done by mid-August as originally planned, so we were scrambling for options a couple weeks before school began. After scoping out a number of options, we settled on a facility belonging to a group of Reformed Baptist folks conducting services as Arbor Church on the east side about ten or so minutes from our primary campus. This lovely body of believers seemed eager to help us. Their deacon and his siblings had attended DA many years prior and their pastor's son had played soccer with us. We were so blessed that the Lord had made a suitable place for us in our time of need. They quickly negotiated through a kind contract for us and we moved in time to hold our in-service, orientation, and first day of classes, all according to the original calendar. Another local ministry, Soul Winners for Jesus, has generously allowed us to use their large passenger vans to transport our north and west side students from the Main St. campus to the new facility each day eliminating some of the hardship for parents. The facility is bigger and newer with many positives. We are thankful for it and the congregation that has been so kind to us. Nonetheless, we are all anxious to get back to DA and our own building.

The general contractor is telling us that mid-October is a reasonable date for completion so we are praying we can be settled into our building with all the new updates and extra space before the synod meets. We have an exciting year underway with an increased overall enrollment of about 20%. We have a new sports logo (see top of next column), created by one of our own talented seniors, Ben Baughman. The

basketball and cheer teams are getting new uniforms with the new design because of an increase in our athletics program enrollments.



As I look out over the cafeteria area, I see lots of new faces. New teachers, assistants, students, and staff have all been added this year. It is an exciting time with lots of changes. Yet, we are immeasurably thankful for those who have been with us so long. Their faithfulness, sacrifices, and hard work is what has made our new growth and these updates possible. Please pray we can weather the challenges of this growth and transition back to our building with grace and patience. We have, at times, been tested to our limits in this season of so many changes. We are thankful for our Lord's profound love toward us. We have an amazing staff. I am especially thankful for them at this time.

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

Update from the Colvins in Indonesia

In the Colvins' September newsletter, Fr. Matt tells of having the opportunity to baptize five people and to celebrate Holy Communion soon after arriving in Bandung. He writes: "Within our first month in Indonesia, we have seen most of the liturgies in the BCP: On September 17th, we attended the wedding of the son of the assistant dean of Indonesia, himself a pastor in the Gereja Anglikan. And on the 18th, we watched as the Rt. Rev. John Yeo, Bishop of Sabah, confirmed 27 young parishioners at St. Paul's. Yet the main thing that stood out in the Confirmation service was Bishop Yeo's sermon, dynamic, dialogical, and full of lively gesture and emphasis. These things are all the more striking when one doesn't know the language of the sermon. My two sermons this past month have been in English, through a translator. But I hope that in time I, like Bishop Yeo, may be able to help the church with the Word in Bahasa Indonesia as well as the sacraments."

Read more about the Colvins at <https://receivewithmeekness.wordpress.com/>

A Special Weekend at St. James Anglican Church, Memphis, TN

On Saturday, October 1, 2016, at St. James Church in Memphis, TN, Bishop Daniel Morse presided at a mortgage-burning ceremony and Consecration of the Church building, followed by a service of Evening Prayer. Photos from this joyous event are displayed below. On the following day, two people were confirmed.

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



Perry Hayes, Tom McConnell, and Bishop Morse



Dearly beloved in the Lord; forasmuch as devout and holy men, as well under the Law as under the Gospel, moved either by the express command of God, or by the secret inspiration of the blessed Spirit, and acting agreeably to their own reason and sense of the natural decency of things, have erected houses for the public worship of God, and separated them from all unhallowed, worldly, and common uses, in order to fill men's minds with greater reverence for his glorious Majesty, and affect their hearts with more devotion and humility in his service; which pious works have been approved of and graciously accepted by our heavenly Father; Let us not doubt but that he will also favourably approve our godly purpose of setting apart this place in solemn manner, for the several Offices of religious worship, and let us faithfully and devoutly beg his blessing on this our undertaking.



The Rev. Dr. Curtis Crenshaw and Bishop Morse

On August 21, 2016, Bishop Morse and Bishop David Bena (CANA-East) consecrated the **Church of Our Saviour Oatlands, Leesburg, VA**, and confirmed eight people. For more information about the newest parish in the Diocese of the Central States, visit their website: <http://www.oursaviouroatlands.org/>

Anglican Relief and Development Fund to offer Vision Trips

By Christine Jones

Would you like to see the Global Anglican Communion in action? Starting in 2017, ARDF will be offering unique opportunities to visit our partners and to experience your church in action.

In February 2017, The Rev. Bill Haley, ARDF US Trustee and Executive Director of Coracle, will lead a trip to Nepal. Rev. Haley and Canon Bill Deiss, ARDF Executive Director, visited Nepal in April 2016 to lay the groundwork for this first trip, which is a partnership between ARDF, Coracle, and the Diocese of Singapore. Here are Rev. Haley's thoughts:

"While members of the ACNA have been so generous with financial support for various projects around the world through our Anglican Communion family, we want to provide a way for people to see the Anglican church in action in such a way that those who go have a powerful, even transforming, spiritual experience, something like a 'mission pilgrimage'. We're calling this mission pilgrimage 'Let Christ move your heart in these mountains.'"

Participants will leave for Kathmandu on February 21, 2017. Once there, they will learn about the history of the Anglican Church in Nepal. It will sound a lot like the book of Acts with stories of healings, prophecy, and miracles. To learn the context of the dominant religions in Nepal, the group will visit historic Durbur Square and the Buddhist shrines of Swayambhunath Stupa. Those will be contrasted with visits to Christian churches in Kathmandu.

Participants will then travel to Dahding to spend 4 days in the mountains. This is the area of Nepal where the Anglican church was hardest hit by the 2015 earthquake. The group will interact with those most affected and to offer encouragement and prayer.

The group will then return to join church services in Kathmandu before flying home. It is our hope that what participants have seen and experienced can be shared in local churches in the USA.

Nepal is a perfect destination for a first ARDF Transformational Vision Trip. This is an exciting time for the church in Nepal. The massive earthquake created a huge challenge but also a huge opportunity, as the church has been able to offer hope to thousands of Nepalis though both spiritual and practical help. The soil is fertile in Nepal.

And Coracle is an ideal partner for this pilgrimage as Coracle exists to inspire and enable people to be the presence of God in the world by offering spiritual formation and Kingdom action. This combination of reflection and action is the hope for this first trip.

While only the Nepal trip has firm dates, ARDF is pursuing other opportunities as well. In August, Canon Deiss and ARDF Chairman, The Rev. Dr. Malcolm Reid, visited Burundi and Rwanda to lay the groundwork for a trip to East Africa. This trip will focus on visiting various ARDF partners involved in social entrepreneurial activities. Archbishop Robert Duncan will lead this trip, sometime in 2017.

Offering such trips is a new venture for ARDF. Why is it important? Again from Rev. Haley,

"Sometimes such pilgrimages are taken to places that have been recognized as sacred by millions for centuries, such as the island of Iona, or the city of Rome, Israel, or the Camino de Santiago in Spain. "A journey with God, to meet God, together" to places like these will always deliver a profound spiritual encounter. Yet there are many other places that are sacred in the world—because God is present there—but where it may be harder to recognize because of the brokenness that surrounds it. To take "a journey with God, to meet God, together" to those places can be a pilgrimage as well."

As we finalize these trips, we are focusing on places where ARDF has strong, deep partnerships. Meeting brothers and sisters in Christ from different cultures and contexts reminds us that God's world is so much bigger than all we can imagine.

Anyone is welcome to join these transformational vision trips. If these sound intriguing to you, please be in prayer asking God if he is calling you to come along. To learn more about the details of these trips or of any of ARDF's relationships around the globe, contact Christine Jones, Director of Mobilization at christine@ardf.org or visit the ARDF website: ardf.org.

"Blessed are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage." (Psalm 84.5)



Nepalis marking anniversary of the 2015 earthquake with prayer | Photo Credit: Rev. Bill Haley