

Trinity News

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Rector's Report Annual Meeting January 31st 2010

As we come to the end of this year we have much to be thankful about.

The Vestry has worked in harmony and has set up structures that will facilitate our work in the future. We have met most of our objectives and we have done some good things together.

But after this year of healing and consolidation we must move forward to strengthen our church and our place in the community. We needed to move from disharmony to harmony. People do notice when there is disharmony. But it should be added that no one should be blamed for this at all. It was a breakdown in process caused by the lack of clear information about the processes of the Episcopal/Anglican church.

Nomination of a New Rector: The Process

The first part of the process is that the Vestry appoints a Search Committee. The name of the Chair is passed by the Bishop as a courtesy because he alone ultimately makes the appointment. Members of Vestry do not normally sit on the Committee. The function of that Committee is explicit in its name. It searches for the best priest it can find. The Committee can receive names of priests, but its brief is to resist any pressure from presenters of names over any particular priest. After its deliberations it reports to the Vestry. It is responsible only to the Vestry. The Vestry receives a name or names from the Search Committee and then makes a choice if it so wishes. If it is not satisfied with the names it can ask the Search Committee to make further investigations. When the Vestry is satisfied it reports to the Bishop. He can reject or accept any names. If he rejects, the Vestry goes back to the Search Committee for further investigations and the process repeats. When the Bishop is satisfied he makes an appointment.

I am grateful to **Fr Gabriel Dimanche** for acting as the Interim Chair of the Search Committee. He has indicated that he will now step down so that the incoming Vestry can appoint a new Chair. Because my appointment is to December 31st of this year the Bishop has asked that the Search Committee begin its work in May, allowing seven months for an outcome, and that should be sufficient.

Thank you for being kind to me and showing me a huge measure of respect and loving care. That extended to encouraging me to stay longer than the end of this year, but I do not have enough years in my pocket to lead the parish for several more years. I have done what the Bishop and the Vestry asked me to do with all my heart.

Thank you also for the way in which you welcomed Valerie into your midst. I came close to losing her in mid-November with a bowel eruption and consequent surgery, and that was a signal reminder of what we share together.

We have a wonderful faith to proclaim and our mission is recalled at every Vestry Meeting

I have had a lot of **Church Wardens** and **Vestry Members** over the years. Thank you for being a good team and standing with some of the best that I have known in that time. **Juanito Dalmas** has been a calm and effective Senior Warden, capable of taking a lead when necessary. I have been well supported by the Rector's Warden, **Vicky Yu**.

There are so many to thank and I am sure to miss someone. In terms of our material fabric, **John Go Hoc** and **Philip Thoburn** made major contributions this year via the overall leadership of **Andy Malpass** on Building and Grounds. **Agosto Macli** and our students **Dexter** and **Eric** worked tirelessly to keep the church and grounds in good order.

The **ECW** has been very supportive indeed and I have delighted to encourage their work. This was particularly noticeable at the June Anniversary Celebrations in the organization of the Reception afterwards. I was glad that their president **Patricia Dalmas** had the opportunity to attend a United Nations Forum on Women and to attend the National Convention of the Episcopal Church in the United States.

Claire and **Maricel** have served us very well in the office at the "front door" to our operation. It is so important that the 'first stop' on entering the church grounds should be gracious and welcoming to both parishioners and visitors.

Rose has looked after me too well in the Rectory. She is always ready to look after visitors and to make them welcome. **Glen Macli** is a talented locator of out-of-the-way addresses and that is a must for a driver in Manila.

Fr. Barry Cumberland and **Fr. Gabriel Dimanche** have been wonderful to me and **Fr. Marc Jacobson** has given valuable support.

Ferdinand Bautista is a very able organist, and we are so glad to have him. We have also had **Domino Marcos** leading the choir and leading us with his splendid voice at both services. What an encouragement to worship in song! I extend my thanks to our splendid **Choir Members** who have always been so supportive and helpful.

Kenneth Keng has led the **Sunday School** and organized the Christmas Pageant in his inimitable and positive style. Many thanks to the teachers and to the children! Question: How long has that classy lady Carlyn Manning been teaching Sunday School?

I am also very grateful for the **Lay Ministers** and all who read and participate in our services.

I am delighted with the new faces in the congregation and the return of past members. The Mission continues!

Bishop Arthur Jones

Your prayers are asked in our healing ministry for Beryl Tanner, JPeter, Bonnie SyCip, Carlyn-Fern Manning, Rom Vildzius, Loy Solasco, Aris Paraman, Isabel Yu, Johnny Manning Jr, Emerinciana Gatela, Fr. Gabriel Dimanche, Benjie Conzales, Jovel Llagas, Carol Garcia, Richard Kendall, Diana Croyston, Ted Whale, Merly Quiapos, Susan Dalmas, Helen Irvine, Ron Jacob, Carrie Angus, Suzanne Jacobson, Janet Johnstone.

THIS WEEK:

- Feb. 2, Tuesday.
- Bible Study, 10am, Parish Hall.
- Feb. 4, Thursday.
- Eucharist, 10am, Chapel.
 - Bible Study, 7pm, Rectory.
- Feb. 7, Sunday.
- Eucharist, 7:30 & 9:30.
 - Sunday School, 9:15.

COMING UP:

- Feb. 16, Shrove Tuesday/Pancake Supper 5pm.** A sign up sheet is on the board for those who wish to donate items such as pancake mix, eggs, butter, etc. Cash donations are also most welcome.
- Feb. 17, Ash Wednesday** Eucharist at 10:00am and 6:00 pm.