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Every Nation ...

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with InterVaristy Christian Fellowship

Greetings,

I will name only a few of the activities of which I have been involved this summer and fall. We had our usual number of outings. One of which was a cookout at Bartrum's Garden in Fairmount Park, Philadelphia. At Bartrum's, one of our students brought her girlfriend who I will name L, from Mainland China. As a result of meeting L at the picnic she now is staying with Joy and me in our home. She happened to be looking for a room and we had a vacancy.

In addition, just this month we welcomed two more internationals into our house: Y, a young man from Israel (though he has been here a long time), and P, another young man who is of Chinese origin, but was raised in France. Joy and I are happy to have these new folks with us, and I pray that God will help us to be a real influence in their lives for Christ. One of our tenants, a woman from S. Korea named E has been with us for about a year. She has not been very receptive spiritually, though she has developed a strong trust in us. I pray that while she is still with us God will provide opportunities for us to speak to her more on this subject. Joy informed me this week that L asked her questions about Christianity, even before we brought up the subject to her. She is not a Christian, but knowing that we were, prompted her to ask. She said to Joy that she is thinking about it. This is a wonderful situation where, there will be a growing relationship between us and we hope to see the Holy Spirit at work.

I made a change in the format and location of my ESL classes and Bible studies. This September I moved them from my house to the Graduate Student Center on the U of Penn. Campus for better accessibility. The format change was switching to an inductive method of scriptural study using manuscripts of an English Bible translation without chapter, paragraph or verse markings. I instruct the students to mark the text with colored pencils to identify various laws of composition that I ask them to specifically watch for, plus key words and names. With guidance, this method has proved to be very compelling for the internationals, as it helps them with English and gets them more interactively involved with Scripture.

I am in my fifth week using this study format and am hopeful that the students will continue to come and more will be added to their number. One member of the group, a young man from China is a serious seeker and we plan to get together one-on-one on a regular basis to further explore what it means to follow Christ. Please pray that the Lord will influence him.

In my next installment I will talk about a new venture we are taking with student outreach, called Third Thursday Discussion Forum. This is an effort to create a larger group setting. We will introduce topics and bring in spiritual aspects that are applicable.

May the Lord bless you.

Roger

Traditional Liturgical Evangelical Scriptural

News from the Standing Committee

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic met on September 25, 2006 at Reformed Episcopal Seminary. The following is a list of some of the actions taken by the Committee.

1. Upon petition from Emmanuel Church and Faith Church, both of Baltimore, Maryland, the two parishes were merged by action of the Committee.
2. The Committee concurred with the ordinations of the following men: Daniel C. Smiley to the diaconate (April 8, 2006 at St. Philip's, Warminster); Richard E. Baird and David Ayres to the presbyterate (May 6, 2006 at Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia).
3. The Committee concurred with the installation of the following men as Rector of parishes: The Rev. Dr. David A. Crum to Bishop Cummins Memorial Church, Catonsville, Maryland (February 19th); The Rev. Donald L. March to St. Michael's, Enola, Pennsylvania (April 30th). Additionally, the Committee approved the call extended to the Rev. Rondal D. Martin by St. Paul's, Oreland, Pennsylvania, to serve as Rector, effective November 2006.

Reminder from Seminary Auxiliary:

The 2006-07 project for the Seminary Auxiliary will be to raise funds for the purpose of updating the library computer system. Anyone wishing to make a contribution can send it directly to the Seminary (RESeminary, 826 Second Avenue, Blue Bell, PA 19422-1257) and marked "Library Computer Project".

Liturgical Colors

Wed., Nov. 1	All Saints Day	White
Sun., Nov. 5	Trinity XXI	Green
Sun., Nov. 12	Trinity XXII	Green
Sun., Nov. 19	Trinity XXIII	Green
Thurs., Nov. 23	Thanksgiving Day	White
Sun., Nov. 26	Sun Next Before Advent	Green

Calendar of Events:

Date	Time	Location/Explanation
Thursday, November 2, through Friday, November 3		Diocesan of NE & MA Council Holy Communion @ St. Mark's Reformed Episcopal Church Meetings @ Holiday Inn Select, Phila-Bucks County 4700 Street Road, Treose, PA 19053
Tuesday, November 14	Noon	Ministerial meeting of the NY/northern NJ Convocation at Covent Chapel, Basking Ridge, NJ
Saturday, November 18 <i>(Lights! Camera! Murder!)</i>	6:30 pm	Mystery Dinner at St. Mark's RE Church, Rydal, PA Reserve seat by calling 215-357-8634 OR 610-909-7986 <i>(all proceeds to benefit Children's ministry & outreach to special needs children)</i>
Tuesday, December 5 Founders' Day Lectures <i>sponsored by</i> Reformed Episcopal Seminary at St. Paul's RE Church 800 Church Road Oreland, PA	10:00 am	Holy Communion and Sermon Celebrant: The Rev. Charles F. Camlin Lectures: The Rt. Rev. Dr. John Fenwick The Rt. Rev. John Fenwick, PhD, former Assistant Secretary of Ecumenical Affairs for the Archbishop of Canterbury, retired lecturer in Christian Worship at Trinity College in Bristol, England, and presently the Adjunct Professor of Church History at Cranmer House in the Mid-America Diocese (Houston, TX) will present two (2) lectures commemorating the REC's founding. Details to follow.

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