

# Saint Columban's Newsletter



Saint Columban's Mission

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*“Peregrinari pro Christo”*

January-March 2010

## **Academy for Parish Leadership in Baden-Baden March 5-7**

Saint Columban's Mission has been invited to send representatives to the first European Institute of Christian Studies' Academy for Parish Leadership. The first of these yearly academies will be held in Baden-Baden March 5-7, and it is important that at least one – or even better two – of our congregation can attend the conference.

The Academy of Parish Leadership was formally launched at the Convention by Bishop Whalon and Felicity Handford, Chair EICS. The conferences are aimed particularly at members of the Vestries of the eight parishes and the Cathedral as well as the Bishop's Committees of the missions. The four events are designed to provide training for the vestries and other church leaders who have a particular interest in any of the four programs. The main speaker at the first conference will be the Rt. Rev Bishop Pierre Whalon. The EICS is covering all the cost of the board and lodging for three people from each of the parishes and two from the each of the missions. There will be some help towards travel costs. Ideally the people who should come should include wardens and treasurers/bookkeeper.

On the following page is a copy of the official flyer. For more information on attending as a representative of our mission, please contact Todd Phillips or Dr. James Hunt (see page 8). Deadline for application is the end of December 2009.

Bank account: Ev. Kreditgenossensch. Karlsruhe (BLZ 66060800), No. 305021103



## The European Institute of Christian Studies

### The Academy for Parish Leadership

#### **September 2009—The European Institute of Christian Studies Announces Launch of its Academy for Parish Leadership**

Many people across the Convocation are invited to fulfill Episcopal Church leadership roles for which they have little practical experience, or for which they would like to be better prepared. As it brings to a close the successful *Transformed by Stories* series, EICS would like to announce its next cycle of Christian formation programs. EICS is preparing to launch the Academy for Parish Leadership, a program of leadership training weekends in the areas of:

- 1) Governance and Finance—Leadership development and the nuts and bolts of financial management—2010
- 2) Stewardship—Management of God's assets: People, Property, and Treasure — 2011
- 3) Lifelong Christian Education and Formation — 2012
- 4) Mission: Beyond our Church Doors—2013

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#### **SAVE THE DATE: March 5-7, 2010**

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<b>First Event:</b>	Governance and Finance, to be led by Bishop Pierre
<b>Where:</b>	Abtei Lichtental Guesthouse, Baden-Baden, Germany
<b>Who should attend:</b>	Wardens, Treasurers and Stewardship Chairpersons serving Parishes and missions in the Convocation
<b>Expense:</b>	EICS will fund room, board, and some travel expenses.

Details and registration forms to follow promptly via email. For further information and inquiries, contact the European Institute of Christian Studies at

[eics.convocation@gmail.com](mailto:eics.convocation@gmail.com)

The European Institute of Christian Studies of the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe,  
23 avenue George V, Paris, 75008, FRANCE  
The Rt. Rev. Pierre W. Whalon, Bishop-in-Charge

**Annual Meeting:  
“Internationalen Konvents Christlicher Gemeinden in Baden”**

This ecumenical union of churches of foreign origin or language within Baden will be holding an annual meeting in Rastatt on Friday and Saturday, January 22-23, 2010. Room and board will be provided for up to two members of our congregation. For more details or application information please contact Todd Phillips or Natalie Conte.

**Christmas Message from Presiding Bishop  
Katharine Jefferts Schori**

*December 7, 2009* - The mornings are dark, pitch black until after most of us have begun our days. The hints of dawn in the eastern sky, those streaks of rose and pink that promise more and brighter light, bring hope even in the dark mid-winter. Where do you look for that kind of hope borne on slim rays of light?

Jesus is already abroad, even in the darkness. The hungry one fed, the street people who have their feet cared for, the humble and honored guest at your dinner table -- each one offers a glimpse of that dawn, if you look closely enough.

What we have waited long for, ages and eons for, has been born among us. He comes among us quietly, almost stealthily, in an obscure barn, long ago. This child holds all our hope for light. This tiny frame seems too frail to bear our yearning. Yet the nations come streaming to this light even before he is weaned. The divine has come to dwell in our midst, and God's eternal promise of peace, restoration, and home is made flesh.

Where and how will you seek out this light of the world? In what other frail frames will light expunge darkness? The light grows with our own eager searching, light reaching out to light, divine reflection yearning for its source. May the light of Christ light your way in the darkness, may his light spread through nations besieged by war and hunger, may we continue to search out his light in the dark places of our own hearts.

*The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori  
Presiding Bishop  
The Episcopal Church*

## Archbishop of Canterbury's World AIDS Day Message “A Space for Hope”

*December 1, 2009* - The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, has released his 2009 World Aids Day video, in which he speaks with the Revd Patricia Sawo, a church leader and mother from Kenya, about her experiences of living with HIV. The video highlights the plight of expectant mothers who are HIV positive and the support they need to prevent the transmission of HIV to their babies. The video is available here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PmB7SquAR0>

Dr Williams and The Revd Sawo discuss both the problems that emerge through keeping silent on issues surrounding HIV and the importance of the Church's role in breaking this silence and providing support and leadership. As a faith leader and a mother herself living with HIV, The Revd Sawo gives the example of her own church: "My congregation knows about my status and people in my church know that this is a place where, if they come with HIV, they can be loved."

The Revd Sawo calls for the eradication of the stigma and denial associated with the condition: "The things we are silent about, the things we never talk about - they are the things that really affect us".

In the video the Archbishop says that the Church can: "Provide space for people to face themselves, to be themselves, and to cope with their future."

A message of hope runs throughout the video. The Archbishop says: "We know that the transmission from mother to child is something that can be dealt with. We need to encourage all our governments to keep up their commitment to making this medical help available, and to giving that hope, which we know is possible."

The Revd Sawo echoes this: "What makes me hopeful is the Church, and the love that a woman can receive in the Church. Hoping in faith that all things are possible, but at the same time making it a reality by having the space in the Church where women can grow to be themselves, and be able to face all kinds of life challenges." The video also highlights the role of men, of fathers, in supporting mothers to access support and vital services.

According to the United Nations, there are 2.1 million children (0-15 years) living with HIV. In 2008, 430,000 children were newly infected with HIV, 90% of them through mother-to-child transmission. In low and

middle income countries, only 45% of mothers living with HIV can access comprehensive services to help protect their babies from infection.

Patricia Sawo is the HIV Ambassador for Tearfund, a Christian relief and development agency, who co-produced the video.

## **“The Eagle and the Dove”**

Anyone who would like to know more about our Patron Saint might look into “The Eagle and the Dove - The Spirituality of the Celtic Saint Columbanus”, by Katherine Lack, Triangle SPCK, 2000, £6.99 + shipping. Ask the Priest in Charge how to get this most valuable little book.

### **Our Services**

Our regular services in Karlsruhe are held, if not indicated as otherwise, on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month at 11 a.m. in the chapel of *Luisenheim*; in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2010, i. e.:

January 6 (Wed.)— Christmas 2: Holy Eucharist (Rite I)

February 7 — Epiphany 5: Holy Eucharist (Rite I)

March 7 — Lent 3: Holy Eucharist (Rite I)

You reach *Luisenheim* by public transport using trams to *Schillerstraße* (nearest) or *Mühlburger Tor* (from *Hauptbahnhof*, the direct line is 6). From *Schillerstraße* walk on the north side of *Kaiserallee* in the direction of *Mühlburger Tor* and turn into *Kochstraße*. Enter the gate of No. 2-4 and turn to the building to your right, showing the inscription “Luisenheim” on the wall facing the street (and currently directly opposite a construction site). You find the chapel on the ground floor at the end of the long corridor, last door on the left side. From *Mühlburger Tor* cross *Kaiserallee* in northward direction (to the side of the red *Christuskirche*) at *Rathaus West*, and walk into *Südl. Hildapromenade*. After some steps, you reach the Old-Catholic Church of the Resurrection. The gate to *Luisenheim* (Kochstr. 2-4) is just opposite to the end of *Helmholtzstraße*, the street passing on the south side of the Old-Catholic church,

A **children’s group** at the time of our Sunday service may be arranged by a group of parents of young children if we know in advance. Please approach Todd Phillips (see page 8).

For weekday services see “Old-Catholic Church” (below p. 7).

## Readings and Psalms of Forthcoming Services

Day	Old Testament	Psalms	New Testament	Gospel
January 6	Isaiah 60:1-6	72:1-7, 10-14	Ephesians 3:1-12	Matthew 2:1-12
February 7	Isaiah 6:1-13	138	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Luke 5:1-11
March 7	Exodus 3:1-15	63:1-8	1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Luke 13:1-9

## Known Birthdays in January, February and March

<p><u>January</u></p> <p>22. Eva-Maria Schubart 26. Christopher Caldwell-Nichols</p> <p><u>February</u></p> <p>3. Alix Hertel 12. Jacqueline Ribeiro 13. Jonathan Albert Sweetser</p>	<p>23. Tom Conte 28. Roger Duthie</p> <p><u>March</u></p> <p>2. Nicole Preiss-Phillips 3. Elise Duthie 17. Natalie Conte 23. Gregoria Jessica Opoku-Boadu</p>
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To all of these, blessings and most sincere congratulations! Remember them in your prayers!

We know very well that we do not know the birthdays of all our members and friends. So, if you miss your birthday let us know. Likewise if you know the birthday of any other member or friend not listed, who would not object to being included. If you should prefer your birthday not to be mentioned, do let us know also.

## **“If anyone is ill enough to call the doctor...”**

“...call the parson too”. The Church is always available to those who desire her ministrations in time of sickness. But we often do not know who does. So if you know of someone who is sick or otherwise housebound, and would like a priest to visit her or him in order to talk to him or to receive communion, the laying on of hands and/or anointing (cf. Letter of James 5:14), do let the Priest in Charge know as soon as possible.

## **Old-Catholic Church**

The Old-Catholic Churches, which gained independence from papal jurisdiction in the course of time, and especially in the 19th century, are in full communion with the Anglican Churches. For a time we were their guests with our services, and we are most sincerely invited to their (German language) services (Holy Eucharist: Sunday at 10 a.m., Tuesday at 7.10 a.m., Thursday at 7 p.m.) in the *Auferstehungskirche* (see above p. 6) in summer, or in the parish house beside the church, in winter.

## **Clubs**

English speaking Clubs and groups in our region where our members and friends are always welcome:

**Anglo-German Club Pforzheim:** 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month from 19.45, Ratskeller, Pforzheim

**British Baden Club:** 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month from 8 pm, Restaurant “Prinz Eugen” Malsch (Information: Tel 07246-5992)

**Deutsch-Englischer Freundeskreis Karlsruhe,** Conversation Circle: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 7.30 pm, Jugendheim Anne Frank, Moltkestr. 2a (Engländerplatz)

**English Speaking “Stammtisch”:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 8 pm, Flynn’s Inn, Hirschstr. 70, Karlsruhe (Tel 8303641)

**KONTAKT Karlsruhe** (German-American; opportunity for Germans and Americans to practice the other language): Information regarding time and place from Mr. Steven Miller, Tel. 0721-503139.

**Royal Canadian Legion Branch 001:** Tue–Fri 4–11 pm, Sat 2–12 pm, Sun 10 am–12 pm, Kirchstr. 9, Rheinmünster-Söllingen (Tel. 07227-991753, Fax: 07227-990979, E-Mail: RCL.Branch001@T-Online.

## Mission Statement

Saint Columban's Mission is a self-supporting congregation in the Anglican Communion under the jurisdiction of the Bishop in Charge of the The Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe (Episcopal Church in the United States of America). It

- offers a spiritual home to all English-speaking residents of, and visitors to, Karlsruhe and the surrounding region,
- makes the Anglican tradition visible in the local Ecumenical environment,
- contributes—together with other Churches—to the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people in the city and the surrounding region.

Firmly rooted in the Anglican tradition, St Columban's Mission is open to all Christians, regardless of their denominational affiliation. They are most welcome at our Services. The Mission is a member of the Council of Anglican Episcopal Churches in Germany, which organizes the co-operation of Anglican and Episcopal chaplaincies, and congregations in this country. It is also a member of the *Arbeitsgemeinschaft Christlicher Kirchen* (Council of Christian Churches) in Karlsruhe.

*The Priest may be contacted in case of pastoral emergency at any time. If he is absent or cannot be reached the following persons will be pleased to give all relevant information:*

*Dr. James Hunt, mobile 0172 726 5094*

*Josh Dalzell, Tel. (0721) 860 16 57*

*Newsletter editor: Todd Phillips, Tel. (0721) 75 65 80*

*The Blessed Sacrament is reserved permanently and always available for the purposes of Holy Communion for those who are sick or housebound.*

*The Sacraments of Reconciliation (Confession and Absolution) and of the Sick (Anointing with laying on of hands) are also available for those who wish to avail themselves of them, by arrangement with the Priest*

*Information about preparing for Baptism, Confirmation or Marriage can also be obtained by telephoning the Priest.*