



Rev. Daniel Cenci
Rector

The Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral 1886, 1888

One of the documents contained in the “Historical Documents” section of the Book of Common Prayer is The Chicago- Lambeth Quadrilateral. It is found on pages 876-878 of the BCP and contains two separate resolutions: one that was adopted by the Episcopal Church’s House of Bishops in 1886 and one that was adopted by the Lambeth Conference of 1888.

By the later half of the 19th century Anglicanism was spreading rapidly around the globe. This spread of Anglican Christianity was partly due to British colonization but was also due to the missionary efforts of Anglican bodies like the Episcopal Church in the USA. As Anglican missionary efforts increased, many Anglicans found themselves working alongside Christians of other denominations as they sought to bring the gospel to the remote parts of the world. The increase in ecumenical partnerships led many in the Anglican communion to begin to reimagine the role that Anglicanism might play in global Christian unity. In 1870, an Episcopal priest from Massachusetts by the name of William Reed Huntington wrote an essay titled “*The Church-Idea, An Essay Towards Unity.*” In this essay, Huntington argued that there are certain standards that define orthodox

Christianity and that these standards should be the starting point for any ecumenical partnership between Anglicans and other Christians. Huntington’s hope was to encourage Christian unity and to move the church toward a place of reconciliation. Huntington’s essay would be the basis for the Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral almost two decades later.

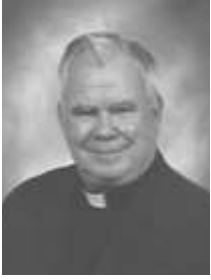
The first resolution, adopted in Chicago by the Episcopal House of Bishops in 1886 expressed the Episcopal Church’s desire to live into Christ’s prayer “That all may be one.” It further declared that all who have been baptized with water in the name of the Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Ghost) are members of the holy catholic, or universal, church. The resolution goes on to declare that true Christian unity can be found in the doctrinal principles of early Christianity, which it defines in four points, hence the use of the term “Quadrilateral.” The first point of doctrine acknowledges that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the “revealed Word of God.” This emphasizes the importance of the Bible in the Christian tradition, and the makes it clear that the scriptures are divinely inspired. If there is ever a hope for Christian unity, Christians must be willing to agree on the importance and authority of the scriptures.

The second point of doctrine in the Quadrilateral names the Nicene Creed as the “sufficient statement of the Christian Faith.” Originating during the 4th century Council of Nicaea, the Nicene Creed is a summary of both the scriptural narrative and Trinitarian Christianity. The Nicene Creed also affirms the incarnation of Jesus Christ and his full humanity and full divinity. Its incorporation into the liturgies of multiple Christian churches throughout the ages further highlights the importance of this ancient creed, and its prominence in doctrine and worship has marked it as a foundational statement of the faith.

The third point of doctrine in the Quadrilateral focuses on the sacramental nature of Christianity. It specifically names the two great sacraments instituted by Christ in the scriptures: Baptism and Holy Eucharist. Just as Christ commanded the disciples to baptize new believers in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19), he also commanded them to commemorate his Last Supper with the sacrament of Holy Communion (1 Corinthians 11:24-26). The sacrament of Baptism serves as the initiation rite into the Christian faith, in which the baptized renounces sin and Satan and accepts Jesus Christ as Lord and savior. The Lord’s Supper is a participation in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and is one way in which Christians are spiritually nourished by the body and blood of our savior.

The fourth point of doctrine expressed in the 1886 Quadrilateral names the “Historic Episcopate” as the traditional form of church government. The oversight of bishops can be traced back to the epistles of the New Testament and has been the prominent form of church government throughout most of history. The church has traditionally used the term, “Apostolic Succession,” to describe the unbroken line of succession from the episcopal authority of the first Apostles to that of the bishops who are ordained in the contemporary church.

In 1888 the Lambeth Conference of the Worldwide Anglican Communion adopted an abbreviated version of the original 1886 Chicago resolution, making some minor alterations to the four points of doctrine. The Conference reaffirmed the importance of the Holy Scriptures stating that they “contain all things necessary to salvation,” and that they are the “rule and ultimate standard of faith.” The second article added the Apostles’ Creed as the “Baptismal Symbol” along with the



Fr. Jim McGee
Rector Emeritus

I'll Be Home for Christmas

It was Christmas Eve, 1952, a second lieutenant is hunkered down in a mountain Observation Post looking out onto the "no man's land" for any glimpse of the dreaded enemy - a fierce Chinese infantry division. They liked to attack on our special American religious days. Surely they would come in great force tonight or in the morning. Our powerful searchlights in the rear bounced beams of light off the low hanging clouds onto the snowy battlefield. It was an eerie scene. Sometimes I think I see movement, or perhaps my eyes were just too weary, peering long hours through the binoculars.

Another young officer crawls into the O.P. saying he was sent there in relief, and for me to go back for a rest. Besides, there was a USO show at Division headquarters and I was one of those selected from our unit see it.

It was a great show - lots of laughter, singing, pretty girls - put on by a talented and caring group of entertainers. Near the end, the song, "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas" is sung and a hush comes over that hillside audience of soldiers. To be sure, the thoughts of all go back to happier days - family and friends - wives and children, back home. I remember taking the picture of Bev and our baby, from my helmet liner and just gazing at it for a long, long time. "I'll be home for Christmas, if only in my dreams."

What is it about Christmas that makes us all want to be home with our families? Why does it matter? Why do we always associate Christmas with home?

I suppose tradition plays a role, a sense of belonging, remembering past Christmases, childhood experiences, Christmas Eve at church, the wonderful feeling of love and sharing, when even the most irritable members of a family seem to grow softer. Christmas and home just seem to go together.

But there is more than this. It has to do with a deeper sense of home that we feel at Christmastime - a sense of cosmic belonging, as if, at this time of the year, we come closer to eternity than at any other time. It seems at Christmas we are so close we could almost step from this life over to the next.

Some poets write of the essential "homelessness" of us all. In other words, they deal with our inability to ever feel completely at home in this world, that there is always a longing, a yearning, for something more, for something beyond, for a life we can suspect but cannot touch.

The Christmas story is the story of God's having touched us from beyond, of our having heard from home. In the baby born in Bethlehem, God has gotten in touch with us, has assured us of a life beyond, has said, "Here is my gift of love. You really do have a home with me."

Maybe this is why Christmas is such a wonderful time of the year to rethink our lives and redirect them toward our eternal home. Feeling the assurance of God's presence with us and the sense of what God is all about, we are encouraged to make a new start toward the values we have always be-

lieved in, toward being the persons we have always wanted to be. And we can. All we have to do is decide to come home to God, to surrender our hearts and lives to Him with a fresh commitment.

No wonder that lovely tune, "White Christmas," affects those away from home the way it does. I submit to you, my friends, that after we have left our home and traveled the worldly ways and by-ways, once we have made the decision to come home to God, once we know we have a home forever with Christ in God, then we know in the deepest sense of joy and satisfaction what it is to be family.

From our home to yours, Bev and I wish you all a joyous and blessed Christmas.

Pax Vobiscum,

Jim+

Tax Deductions for 2021

IRS regulations require deductions for charitable contributions to be claimed in the year the gift is received.

Please mail or deliver your gifts (including stock gifts) to Christ Episcopal Church so that they will be received on/or before Thursday, December 31, 2021. Gifts received after Dec 31, 2021, will be recorded in 2022, unless they are received by mail and postmarked by December 31, 2021. Timely mailing or delivery of your gifts will greatly reduce problems and will simplify our year-end accounting schedule. Kim will be in the office the last week of December.

Admin Report for Treasurer- October 2021

General Operating expenditures were higher than revenue:

Revenue=	\$29,811.73-Income
	\$ 9,330.00-From Palladium
	\$17,643.00-Capital Campaign
	\$56,784.73

Operating Expenses = \$35,612.03

Robinson Charity Fund Balance - \$10,302.07

Rental Property Fund balance = \$3,052.71

St. Philip's Fund balance = \$357.17

Charles Schwab with Palladium balance =1,371,668.96

Cemetery Fund balance = \$2,389.12

A BISHOP'S MEANDERINGS...



I think most of us are familiar with the account of Jesus washing his disciples' feet at the last supper. On the night before he knew he faced suffering and death the next day, what was the last message he wanted to leave with his disciples? It set the example of sacrificial service of others. What do you and I do when we run into a crisis in our lives? We become very self-centered. We cannot even truly see or hear others as we are absorbed with our own anxiety, hurt, loss, disappointment, anger, and often blinding self-righteousness. As time goes by, we can become more and more cut off from those around us. Jesus gave us a New Commandment, "even as I have loved you, so you should love one another." How did he love us? He washed dirty feet and died for the very same people who rejected him and called for his death.

So, what does it mean to love one another? If we follow Jesus' example, we willingly accept the role of servant, the one who kneels on the floor to wash the dirty feet of another. We will also assume the role of the disciple who lets himself or herself be cared for. This is hard stuff, probably the hardest stuff in the world which is why we see so little of it in action. If we love one another as Jesus loves us, we must be ready to put aside our grudges, resentments, hurts, and self-righteous anger. To be honest, I often tend to love with my fingers crossed behind my back. I am ready to love almost everyone, but surely, I can't be expected to love the person who has hurt me, or does not wish me well, or who seems hopelessly wrong about everything I believe. Surely, I am allowed one hold-out, one exception, just one person whom I can judge to not be worthy of my love. The Commandment has none of those loopholes we love, but demands that we let go of our pet hates, the ones we clutch like a child clutches a teddy bear.

In his historical novel, "Ah, But Your Land is Beautiful," Alan Patton told the true story of a white South African judge named Jan Oliver. A black pastor invited him to attend his church on Maundy Thursday, the day for the traditional reenactment of foot washing. Given the facts of apartheid, the judge would be risking his career if he went, but meaning to be a good man, he accepted the invitation. He was urged to participate in the service and was called forward to wash the feet of a woman named Martha Fortuin, who as it happened, had been a servant in his house for thirty years. Kneeling by her feet, he was struck by how weary they looked from so many years of serving him. Greatly moved, he held her feet with gentle hands and kissed them as tears ran down his cheeks. Martha also began weeping, as did many others in the church. The newspapers got wind of it and Oliver lost his political career. Maybe he found his soul.

How many lives were changed that day as they watched that simple act of humility, love, and service? Perhaps such a radical act is not something you and I can imagine for ourselves, but why does it move us so much? It is because we are seeing the most powerful, life-changing force on earth in action. Can we allow what this touches in each of us to move us to become more aware of the power we have to change the world in some small way.....and then to do it?

*In Christ's love,
+David*

Cont. from Rev. Daniel article p. 1

Nicene Creed "as the sufficient statement of the Christian faith." The last two articles concerning the sacraments and the Historic Episcopate were unaltered.

The Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral continues to be an important document in the life of the Anglican Communion. It represents for us the foundational tenants of the Christian faith and is an important starting point for ecumenical dialogue. It has been the basis upon which the Episcopal Church has been able to enter full communion with churches such as the Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Moravian Church, and the Church of Sweden. As Episcopalians, we continue to value the points of Christian doctrine that are highlighted in these historic documents, and we maintain the belief that these standards of the faith are essential. I encourage you to familiarize yourself with the Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral and with the many ways in which this important document has impacted the life of the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion.

Faithfully in Christ,
Rev. Daniel

Communication Committee

The Communications Committee continues to look for volunteers to run the live streaming of the weekly Sunday 10:30a.m. service as well as a few other special liturgies. Live streaming is easy and training will be provided. Please contact Michelle Flach if interested in volunteering your time.

December is a busy time of the year and there is lots going on at Christ Church. Please be sure to read the weekly E-News for event dates and sign up links.



December Worship Services

Sunday, Dec. 12

Advent Lessons and Carols at 5pm

Sunday, Dec. 19

8:00AM—Rite 1

10:30AM—Handbell Choir plays Prelude and Christmas Pageant followed by Gingerbread House Decorating

Wednesday, Dec. 22

Morning Prayer, 7:00 AM

Blue Christmas Service—noon

Friday, Dec. 24

Morning Prayer, 7:00 AM

Christmas Service, 4:00 PM

Christmas Prelude, 10:30 PM

Christmas Mass, 11:00 PM

Saturday, Dec. 25

Christmas Day Service, 10:00 AM

Sunday, Dec. 26

Lessons and Carols 10:30 AM

ECW



ECW Angel Tree

Our angel tree gifts this year will be used to provide Christmas gifts for two families. The tree is located in the Narthex of the church. Please pick an angel from the tree and return the gift item, wrapped and marked for the individual, to the church volunteer office. Your generosity will help a family have a much happier Christmas this year.

Blessings,

Jane Harris, ECW President



Gingerbread House Decorating Party!

Sunday, December 19th after church!

Surprise visitor!

Decorate a gingerbread house.

For kids of all ages!

Call Whitney at 252.202.8928 to sign up.

Cost is \$10 per house.



Did you know?

The famous Christmas poem, The Night Before Christmas, written by Clement Clarke Moore, a professor of Greek literature at the General Theological Seminary in New York City was an Episcopalian. He was once a parishioner of Trinity Church in New York City and is buried in its cemetery.

Every Christmas Eve, the poem is read aloud at Trinity Church at the Clement Clarke Moore candlelight carol service.

Source: Susan Stafford Kelly, Our State Magazine December 2019.

Submitted by History Committee

Parishioner Spotlight

Welcome Jeremiah and Olivia Magnuson
Jeremiah Magnuson grew up in Northbranch, MN. He was stationed in Norfolk, VA, where he served 4 years in the US Navy. Olivia grew up in our neighboring community, Moyock, NC, with her mother and sister. Olivia works with children with autism. Shortly after getting married and moving to Elizabeth City, they went on a hunt to find a church they could call home. This is where they found Christ Church. Olivia says, "I absolutely love this church, everyone is so friendly. I enjoy volunteering in the children's ministry. I have always felt like I have a calling to work with children." Jeremiah's involvement has led him on the path to become part of our choir. Jeremiah is also part of the Communications Committee and mans the live streaming of our 10:30 a.m. service when needed. Jeremiah and Olivia say that they are blessed to have found Christ Church and wish everyone a Merry Christmas!

EYC Fellowship



SOULs



CHRIST CHURCH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 11 from 5-7PM
At Christ Church
*Childcare provided!

Slow Down.
Quiet.
Prepare.
It's Advent.
(Advent-from Latin means
"the coming")

December Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7:00 am Morning Prayer at SP 7:30 am Bible Study at SP Wright Rm 12:00 Noon Holy Eucharist at SP	2 7:00 am Morning Prayer at SP 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous	3 7:00 am Morning Prayer at SP 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	4 7:00 am Morning Prayer at SP
5 Annual Meeting 8:00 am Holy Eucharist at SP 9:00 am Breakfast in the Parish Hall 9:15 am Adult Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist	6 7:00 am Morning Prayer at SP 12:30 pm Rotary Mtg in Parish Hall	7 7:00 am Morning Prayer at SP 1:00 pm Outreach Comm Mtg 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous	8 7:00 am Morning Prayer at SP 7:30 am Bible Study at SP Wright Rm 12:00 Noon Holy Eucharist at SP	9 7:00 am Morning Prayer at SP 5:30 pm SOULS Feeding 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous	10 7:00 am Morning Prayer at SP 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	11 7:00 am Morning Prayer at SP 5:00 Parish Christmas Party in Parish Hall
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26 10:30 am Lessons and Carols 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous	27 7:00 am Morning Prayer at SP Office Closed	28 7:00 am Morning Prayer at SP 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous	29 7:00 Morning Prayer at SP	30 7:00 Morning Prayer at SP 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous	31 7:00 Morning Prayer at SP	

SR. WARDEN REPORT



Phil Hornthal
Sr. Warden

This will be my last report to the congregation as your Senior Warden. I'm excited about where the church is and the possibilities for our shared ministries going forward into the future. I'm most optimistic about our hard working, enthusiastic young Rector Daniel, and his dedicated wife, Jessica. When I reflect on their short time with Christ Church so far, I know again the Lord has his hands on our church and each of us. To think of all we have been through over the last 18 months, from a pandemic unprecedented in most of our lifetimes, to national and local unrest, it really is remarkable that our Church has held strong, and for that I would like to issue a special thank you to the Cencis, but also to each and every member of our Vestry, Clerk and Treasurer. Thank you each for attending meetings in person before we had a vaccine, and people were afraid and unsure for their own health and the health of those they loved; thank you for attending special meetings and retreats and taking the time away from your family and friends to do so; thank you for working together to try and build meaningful change to help our church grow and remain relevant in the 21st century, and thank you for disagreeing without being disagreeable, and in the end, loving one another and the church more than our individual positions and disagreements. To all of the members of the church, thank you for attending services on Facebook, in the graveyard, in the Parish Hall, and ultimately, back in our beloved church. Thank you all for working through issues and for reaching out to the Vestry and Daniel directly with your concerns; and also for the compromise you ultimately gave our church family, which for all families, is central to happiness. Thank you for your pledge last year, and for your willingness to pledge again this year. Thank you for your time and talents and all that each of you give on a daily basis to keep Christ Church running smoothly. Finally, thank you for giving me the honor and privilege of serving as your Senior Warden this past year. God bless each of you in the coming year, and thank you in advance for all I know you will continue to give to our mission at Christ Church.

Yours in Christ,

Phil Hornthal, Senior Warden, phornthal@hrem.com

Upcoming December Events

- 12/11—Church Christmas Party at 5:00p.m.
- 12/12—Advent Lessons and Carols at 5:00p.m.
- 12/19—Christmas Pageant at 10:30a.m. service
- 12/19—Gingerbread House Decorating
- 12/22—Blue Christmas Service at Noon
- 12/24—Christmas Eve Services at 4:00p.m. and 11:00p.m. (special music at 10:30p.m.)
- 12/25—Christmas Day Service at 10:00am
- 12/26—Lessons and Carols at 10:30am

Stock Gifts

Please email Kim Willis administrator@christchurchcity.org, if you are planning to give a stock gift. She will need your name, the name of the stock, the number of shares you are donating and the allocation of the gift. Please do not rely on your broker to provide this critical donor information.

Parishioners who wish to donate stock please contact Andy Elliott or Karen Jackson at EdwardJones Investment. The church account number is 257-17662-1-7.

December Birthdays

- 3 John Wood Foreman, Jr.
- 4 Brian Auten
- 5 Rudge King
Eve Turlington
- 8 Vivian Lowry
- 10 Holly Wright
- 13 Edla Stevens
Gail Payne
- 14 Gary Cooper
- 19 Matthew and Asher Auten
- 20 Creig Foreman
Stavros Giannakopolous
Tony Flach
Kali Foreman
- 22 Beth Foreman
Walter Lowry, III
Charlie Robinson, III
- 26 Leo Watson
- 30 Arthur McPherson
John Peel, Jr.

December Anniversaries

- 4 Katie and Rudge King
- 19 Dru and Everett Thompson

Parishioners in Assisted Living

Brookdale of EC, 401 Hastings Lane: EC 27909
 Juanita Mullen Helen Gibson
Elizabeth City Health & Rehabilitation, 1075 US 17 S: EC 27909
 Jim Hathaway

At Home

Ann Hughes, 1514 Crescent Dr., EC 27909
 Betty Ingram, 2121 Rivershore Road, EC 27909
 Nancy Ferebee, 337 North 343, Camden NC 27921

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