MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

DEAR FRIENDS,

At the Compass Rose Society spring board meeting held in Atlanta right after Easter, the board voted unanimously to establish an endowment for the Society to support the ongoing program of the Anglican Communion in perpetuity. From the very earliest days of the Society in the mid and late 1990s, Compass Rose leadership has discussed the idea of an endowment fund. I can remember many “old timers” like John Donahoo, Claude Payne, and Bob Foltz who had the vision for such an endowment, but the Society’s pressing immediate needs in those early years took precedence over such a grand scheme. I want to recognize the outstanding work that was done by our founders who laid the important foundation stones so that the Society was able to make the decision it made in Atlanta.

When I was elected president last year, the nominating committee knew that my one goal in my two-year term as President was to establish an endowment. To that end, I asked Bishop Andy Doyle, now president-elect of the Compass Rose

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2014 COMMUNION VISIT TO CAPE TOWN SCHEDULED IN OCTOBER

Planning is underway for a Communion Visit to the Diocese of Cape Town in the Anglican Church of Southern Africa following the 2014 annual meeting October 12 and 13, 2014. Members will depart from London on October 14 and return from Cape Town on October 19. The visit will be limited to 35 places, so please register as soon as possible.

The province of Southern Africa is the oldest in Africa. British Anglicans met for worship in Cape Town after 1806, with the first bishop appointed in 1847. There are twenty-eight dioceses, twenty-one in South Africa, two in Mozambique, and one each in Angola, Lesotho, Namibia, Swaziland and Saint Helena. In South Africa, there are at least 4 million Anglicans out of an estimated population of 45 million. The Anglican Church of Southern Africa is one of the oldest and largest Christian communities in South Africa.

The Society’s visit is at the invitation of the primate, the Archbishop of Cape Town and Primate of Southern Africa, the Most Rev’d Thabo Makgoba. Bishop Thabo addressed the Compass Rose Society annual meeting in October 2013 where he presented details of his e-reader project to the membership.

South Africa and the Church, the archbishop noted, are facing a critical situation where citizens are less involved in reading and research.
Most theological colleges, especially those on the African continent, have under-resourced libraries, and smart phones are used for social networking and communication. There is less emphasis on reading books and engaging in research.

The texts that will comprise the e-reader project will be in the areas of theological education, prayer and spirituality, leadership and formation, ecology and the environment, public advocacy and social justice and social reading. Further information about the e-reader project is here E-Reader Project and a recent article about it from Ecumenical News that mentions the Society’s support, is here Ecumenical News.

The Communion Visit to Cape Town will, among other things, provide Society members with an update and first-hand look at the progress of the e-reader project. To date, the Society has contributed $16,000 to the project.

We will also be visiting the Diocese of False Bay where the Rt. Rev. Margaret Vertue is the Bishop. The Diocese of False Bay is a member of the Compass Rose Society.

We will also visit Robben Island where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned for 18 of his 27 years of incarceration and we will go to Cape Agulhas where the Indian and Atlantic Oceans meet - a fascinating place as we see the green and blue ocean waters meeting. A full itinerary of our visit should be available in early July.

A brief history of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa from this more detailed article in Wikipedia http://bit.ly/1hyj26Z: The first Anglican clergy to minister regularly at the Cape were military chaplains who accompanied the troops when the British occupied the Cape Colony in 1795 and then again in 1806. The second British occupation resulted in an influx of civil servants and settlers who were members of the Church of England, so civil or colonial chaplains were appointed to minister to them. These were under the authority of the governor.

The first missionary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, the Rev. William Wright, arrived in 1821. He opened a church and school in the Cape Town suburb of Wynberg. Allen Gardiner, a missionary of the Church Missionary Society went to Zululand, and arranged for a priest, Francis Owen to be sent to the royal residence of King Dingane. Owen witnessed the massacre of Piet Retief, the Voortrekker leader, and his companions, who had come to negotiate a land treaty with Dingane, and left soon afterwards.

The Anglican Church in Southern Africa at this time was part of the Diocese of Calcutta, which included the East Indies and the entire Southern Hemisphere. Bishops en route to Calcutta sometimes stopped at the Cape for confirmations, and occasionally ordination of clergy, but these visits were sporadic. It became apparent that a bishop was needed for South Africa, and in 1847 Robert Gray was consecrated as the first Bishop of Cape Town in Westminster Abbey. The new bishop landed in Cape Town in 1848.

Some Church of England parishes in the then-Cape Colony refused to join the Church of the Province of South Africa when it was constituted in 1870. These parishes expanded
Throughout South Africa, calling themselves the Church of England in South Africa.

Desmond Tutu rose to worldwide fame during the 1980s as an opponent of apartheid. Tutu was elected and ordained the first black South African Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town and primate of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa. He received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1984, and in 1986 the Albert Schweitzer Prize for Humanitarianism and the Magubela prize for liberty.

In 2006, the name Church of the Province of Southern Africa was dropped to avoid historic confusion as to its ambiguous name. The church was renamed the Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

In July 2012, the Rev. Ellinah Wamukoya of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa became the bishop-elect of Swaziland and the first woman to be elected a bishop in any of the twelve Anglican Provinces in Africa. In October 2012, the Rev. Canon Margaret Vertue was elected the diocesan bishop of False Bay, the second female African Anglican bishop, and the first in South Africa. We will be visiting her on our Communion Visit in the fall.

The polity of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa is episcopal, like that of other Anglican churches. The church maintains a system of geographical parishes organized into dioceses. The province is divided into various dioceses, each led by its own bishop. The website of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa is: http://www.anglicanchurchsa.org/.

REQUIESCAT

We are saddened to note the recent passing of long-time members Fred Rheinstein & Alan Weirick.

May their souls rest in peace and rise in Glory.

PILGRIMS SUPPLY

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TO THE DIOCESE OF CAPE COAST

The donors of a projector to the Diocese of Cape Coast were pleased to get this note of thanks from the Rev. Kofi deGraft-Johnson, the organizer and guide for our Communion Visit to Ghana:

Dear Friends

Happy New Year greetings to you and all of yours and hope that this finds you well.

This mail comes to acknowledge the receipt of the transfer for clearing the projector from customs and also to inform you that the projector was used for our Service of Carols and Nine Lessons held at the parish on Tuesday, December 24, 2014.

We are now getting estimates for the projector screen and the cables so that it will be fixed permanently to the ceiling in the church and the software installed for its use during every service.

On behalf of the parish leadership and the young people, do please accept our sincere gratitude and prayerful appreciation for your support.

God richly bless you.

Thank you and Stay blessed in the Lord.

Kofi
The 2014 annual general meeting of the Compass Rose Society will open on Sunday, October 12 at 2 pm at the Royal Horseguards Hotel, One Whitehall Place in London, and last until about 6 pm that evening. Sunday dinner is on your own. The meeting continues on Monday, October 13 at 9 am and closes at noon. A question and answer session with Archbishop Welby will follow at 4:30 pm in the crypt at Lambeth Palace with dinner at 6:30 pm at the Stationers’ Company with Archbishop and Mrs. Welby joining us. Motor coaches will transport us from Lambeth Palace to the dinner venue.

The Stationers’ Company is the City of London Livery Company for the Communications and Content industries. Stationers’ Hall is close to St Paul’s Cathedral and is one of the few ancient Livery Halls remaining in the City of London. Completed in 1673 after the Great Fire of London, the Hall is one of the most sought after venues in the City for corporate events and private functions.

Livery Companies were created by groups of medieval tradesmen who joined together to promote, protect and regulate their trades. There are 108 livery companies in London, each representing a profession or trade. The Stationers’ Company is almost unique for a 600-year-old company in that over 90 percent of its members are actively involved in the Communications and Content industries. They direct their charitable activities to the education of young people joining these industries and the welfare of families connected with them.

Six hundred years ago most craftsmen in London were itinerant. However the manuscript writers and illuminators decided to concentrate their efforts and set up stalls or ‘stations’ around St Paul’s Cathedral. Because of this they were given the nickname ‘Stationers’ and this became the name for the guild they established in 1403 and for its home, Stationers’ Hall.

Today, the Company has over 800 members, most of whom are senior executives in the Communications and Content industries, from paper, print, publishing, packaging, office products, newspapers, broadcasting and online media.

To register for the annual meeting, please contact Tami Hawkins at thawkins@epicenter.org.
Thirty-four Compass Rose Society pilgrims from the United States, Canada, China, the United Kingdom and Uruguay participated in a Lenten Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in late March. The group, led by John Peterson and local guide, Iyad Qumri, stayed at St. George’s College in Jerusalem and the Sisters of Nazareth Convent in Nazareth. We toured sites and archeological excavations in Jerusalem, Nazareth, Bethlehem and surrounding areas, including the Mount of Olives, the Judean desert, Jericho, the Mount of Temptation, Zippori, Sephoris, Caesarea Philippi (Banias), Mount Tabor, Qumran, the Dead Sea, Tekoa, Bethlehem, the Church of the Nativity, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, the Western Wall, the Dome of the Rock, Beth-phage, Dominus Flevit, Gethsemane, Mount Zion and Emmaus Nicopolis. Palestinian Christian, Israeli and Palestinian Muslim professors provided current political and theological perspectives in evening lectures.

We prayed at the Western Wall, attempted to comprehend the traditions and cultures of common origin but divergent practice in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, stood in the near dark chapel in the midst of the Greek Orthodox worshipers chanting at Mary’s Well, and worshiped in the cave at the traditional site of Jesus’s birth in the Church of the Nativity. Actually seeing and being present in those holy places helped us to understand in context their physical features and attributes: the walking distances between them, the size and shape of the caves that are geographically pervasive and still used as shelter and storage by the Bedouin, the astonishing buoyancy of our normally deadweight selves in the Dead Sea, the wind on the Sea of Galilee, the felicitous acoustics of the Mount for sermons, and the dry width of the wadis and the imminent danger of their conversion to raging torrents in the rain. Our experiences were both unique and universal, individual to each of us but with the same deep connection of every traveler -- every pilgrim -- to the ancient, ageless features of the Holy Land.

COMPASS ROSE SOCIETY

DONATIONS TO DATE TOP

$8 MILLION

Since it was established in 1997, The Compass Rose Society has donated more than $8 million to support the Anglican Communion.

The Anglican Consultative Council has received three-quarters of these funds. Sixty percent of these support communications projects such as the new Anglican Communion News website, www.anglicannews.org. Fifteen percent of the donations to the ACC have supported the work of the Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

During 2013, the Society raised $403 thousand. It was donated as follows: $322 thousand to the Anglican Consultative Council (including $27 thousand for the Anglican Communion News website), $14 thousand to St. George’s College in Jerusalem, $3 thousand to the International Women’s Network, and $2.5 thousand to hospitals in Gaza and Nablus.

In addition, The Anglican Church of Southern Africa received nearly $16 thousand for Bishop Thabo’s e-reader project (see the article on page 1 about our upcoming visit to Cape Town), the Diocese of Cape Coast, site of our 2013 Communion Visit, received $13,000, and the Diocese of Southern Malawi received $4 thousand.

At the April board meeting, directors heard plans to refresh the Society’s website, compassrosesociety.org. Board member Joey Fan described a process which will update the information on the current site and move to a new, contemporary design. In the past, the site’s objective has been to serve the interest of the membership; the proposed update, while also offering this capability, will focus on offering information to attract new members to the Society.

Joey will supply the technical expertise for the new site. More importantly, we need volunteers to help update the site’s current content. We’d love to hear from members who would be willing to review some of the content for us. Joey’s email is joey.fan@internad.hk.

UPDATING OUR WEBSITE

COMPASS ROSE PILGRIMS TOUR

THE HOLY LAND

By Della Wager Wells

Pilgrims renew their baptismal vows at the River Jordan.
COMPASS ROSE SOCIETY PROJECTS IN 2014

It is a tradition in the Compass Rose Society that when members go on a Communion Visit or pilgrimage, the Society invites and takes on a project from the diocese visited. The same is true for the annual general meeting. At the AGM, the Society responds to requests that are made by principal speakers. The CRS is currently responding to the following initiatives:

- The e-reader project in South Africa (Archbishop Thabo)
- The continuing Indaba project in the Anglican Communion (Archbishop of Canterbury)
- Christ Church Basic School in Cape Coast, Ghana (Communion Visit to Ghana)
- The Bishop Acton Eye Clinic in Cape Coast, Ghana (Communion Visit to Ghana)
- Princess Basma Centre for Disabled Children (Lenten Pilgrimage to Jerusalem)

While the members who participated on the Communion Visits and pilgrimages are the ones who usually contribute to these programs, the projects this year are so unique that we would like to give our total membership an opportunity to support these worthy initiatives. If you are interested in supporting one or more of these projects, use the enclosed return envelope to indicate what project you would like to support.

THE BENEFITS OF PLANNED GIVING

Planned giving encompasses a variety of ways that gifts can be made to the Compass Rose Society from accumulated resources. It usually involves financial or estate planning; however, it is not reserved for the wealthy. Planned giving is a means by which anyone concerned with the wise use of his or her personal resources makes a considered choice about their ultimate disposition.

In general, planned gifts are made through: a bequest in a will; a life income gift such as a pooled income fund; a charitable gift annuity, or a charitable remainder trust; or gifts of special assets (real estate, closely held stock, life insurance, retirement accounts).

Planned giving establishes a way for a donor to provide for family members while remembering the Society as well. It often enables the donor to provide more for his or her heirs and to make a larger gift than thought possible. It often reduces taxes as well.

If you are interested in developing a planned gift program with The Compass Rose Society as the beneficiary, please contact our treasurer Bob Biehl at 800.318.4452.

The enclosed booklet gives more information about planned gifts to the Compass Rose Society.
Message from our President

Society, to head a long range planning task force to look at the future for the Society and to make recommendations as to how the CRS should move forward in the next several years. One of the recommendations, among many, was the creation of an endowment.

What Bishop Doyle proposed when making the task force’s recommendation to the spring board meeting was that initially the Society would raise $10 million dollars, which would yield $400,000 each year. The task force went on to recommend that the annual yield would be our annual contribution to the Anglican Consultative Council. This means that the ACC would have a guaranteed income from the Compass Rose Society, and equally importantly, the CRS would be in a far better position to support the initiatives of the Archbishop of Canterbury and the requests we receive as a result of our Communion Visits, e.g., the e-reader project in South Africa, the Princess Basma Centre for Children with Disabilities in Jerusalem and the eye clinic in the Diocese of Cape Coast in Ghana.

This is an ambitious undertaking, but I believe the Society is now established and ready to begin this legacy program. At our annual general meeting in London on October 12-13, a final report will be given by the task force which will give the membership an opportunity to ask questions. At the same time a legal team headed by Della Wager Wells (USA), Canon Robert Falby (Canada) and Antonia Wong Tuen Yee (Hong Kong) will be working on the legal implications of the endowment in their respective countries. In the meantime, do not hesitate to contact me with your questions and ideas. I would like to hear from you.

Members of the long range planning task force are Bob Biehl, Michael Brown, Sam Candler, Carol and Tom Chaney, Andy Doyle, David Gannicott, Michele Hagans, Fred Moore, Barbara and Claude Payne, John L. Peterson, and Nancy Southam.

With my deepest gratitude for your commitment and support,

The Rev. Canon John L. Peterson
President, Compass Rose Society

From 1995 to 2005 Canon Peterson served as the Secretary General of the worldwide Anglican Communion in London heading the The Anglican Communion Office, which provides support and counsel to the Anglican Consultative Council, the Primates Meeting, the Lambeth Conference and the Archbishop of Canterbury. The Compass Rose Society was established during Peterson’s tenure as Secretary General.

Before his appointment as Secretary General, Peterson was the Dean of St. George’s College, Jerusalem for 12 years. He is also the Anglican Canon at St. George’s Cathedral in Jerusalem and an Honorary Canon in St. Michael’s Cathedral, Kaduna Nigeria, All Saints, Mpwapwa, Tanzania, as well as St. Dunstan’s Cathedral, Benoni, South Africa and Christ Church Cathedral, Cape Coast, Ghana. He is also an Honorary Canon of St. Stephen’s Cathedral in Harrisburg, PA.

Canon Peterson serves as a board member of the Spafford Children’s Center in Jerusalem and the American Friends of the Spafford Children’s Center. He is a member of the American Friends of the Diocese of Jerusalem and serves as an international advisor to the Anglican Bishop in Jerusalem. In addition he is a frequent participant on the American Religious Town Hall and a member of the Planning Committee for the Religious Leaders section of the US-Islamic World Forum sponsored by the Brookings Institution.

COMPASS ROSE
SUNDAY
How to Publicize Your Parish
Compass Rose Society Membership

Former board member and legal counsel to the Society Bob Foltz sent us this report on how his parish publicizes its Compass Rose Society affiliation:

“On Sunday, March 23, Saint Mary’s Episcopal Church in Bonita Springs, FL, a member of the Compass Rose Society, held its third annual Compass Rose Sunday. The Rector of Saint Mary’s, the Rev. Dr. Michael Rowe, preached on the worldwide Church at all services. This was followed by a forum in which members of the parish talked not only about the Compass Rose Society but also about other missionary activities they had participated in Nigeria, Kenya and Malawi.

“The first Compass Rose Sunday was in 2012, when the Rt. Rev. Philip Poole, then the Compass Rose president, spoke at a parish forum. Canon John Peterson, our current Society president, did the same in 2013.

“Saint Mary’s celebrates these Compass Rose Sundays because the parish believes that they demonstrate the importance of fellowship and union with the 85 million Anglicans in 165 countries around the world.”

The Rev. Canon John L. Peterson is president of The Compass Rose Society. Most recently, Peterson was Canon for Global Justice and Reconciliation at the Washington National Cathedral where he organized a program of education, alliance building, resource gathering and communication to address global issues of violence, poverty and disease. He has been a driving force in establishing the Cathedral’s Christian Muslim Summit initiatives.
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