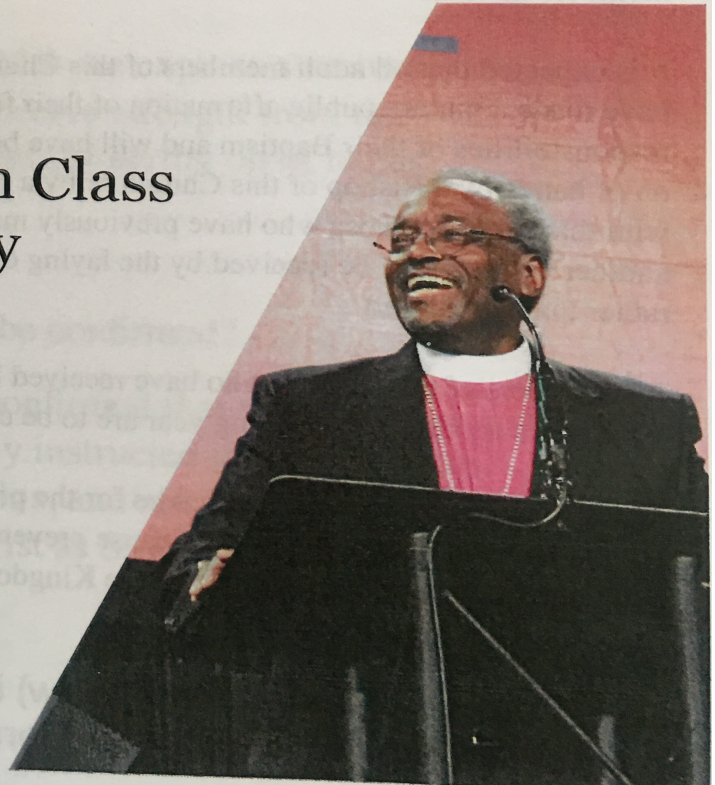


The **JESUS** *Movement*

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Adult Confirmation Class
HNEC Panama City
March 2020



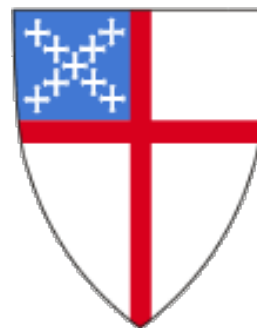
Good morning! This is our annual combination of regular Adult Sunday School class with Confirmation Class.

We will have three sessions here in the Library where we gather for an hour every Sunday morning between services. Each session will begin with Bible discussion, acknowledging our first priority; then Confirmation! The fourth Sunday on March 29 will be with Father Steve in the church for his Instructed Eucharist.

I'll introduce myself so you know you who I am, and then we'll talk about **Holy Nativity** Episcopal Church, Panama City and our ministries here. Our Episcopal **Diocese** of the Central Gulf Coast led by Bishop Russell Kendrick, who'll visit Sunday, May 10 for Confirmation. Our **Episcopal Church** led by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, whom you may have met when he was here after Hurricane Michael. The Episcopal Church is the American province of the worldwide **Anglican Communion**, led by Archbishop Justin Welby, with headquarters in London, England.

Born September 14, 1935 here in Panama City, Florida, my name is Thomas Carroll Weller, Jr. but that's not who I am, I am Bubba to family and whoever knew me before age 6, Carroll to those who knew me from 6 to 18. Tom ever since. Father Tom if you prefer. Linda Peters Weller is here, we married June 1957 here at Holy Nativity, the first wedding in this church. Linda's family and my family

were charter members, with ten families who came from St Andrew's Episcopal Church at the bishop's request to form Holy Nativity in 1955.



We have three children Malinda, Joe and Cathlyn plus granddaughter Kristen, whom I adopted when she was very young, so four children. Counting Kristen again, we have five grandchildren, one great grandchild.

I went to Cove School 1941-1949 (which is now Holy Nativity Episcopal School) and Bay High class of 1953. The 7th or 8th Episcopal priest I know of in the Weller family, I always knew I was going to seminary, even declared it at age ten. But when a sophomore at Univ of Florida, I changed my mind and major from pre-Theology to Business Administration. At graduation Spring 1957 I went into the Navy, as my alternative to the draft and mainly because I was not sure what I wanted in life. Loving my first Navy sea duty, a destroyer, I stayed 20 years, retiring in 1978 as Commander. We were settled in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

My additional education includes MBA fUniversity of Michigan; U S Naval War College, Newport, RI; Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg PA.

Upon retirement from the U S Navy in 1978, I started and ran my own

defense consulting business and taught graduate courses as adjunct professor in Political Science at Univ of West Florida. Linda and I were very active in our Pennsylvania parish, and I was studying in the Deacon program with our bishop's diocesan school. One morning my rector called me to his office to confront me with "Two Cadillacs are enough: how long are you going to ignore God's call on your life?" Quite literally I threw up my hands and said "Oh what the hell, I give up". He then turned and phoned the bishop, and I was inducted into "the process" leading to ordination

On my 45th birthday I started at Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, where my bishop kindly arranged for me to study so we would not have to move from our home in Harrisburg to Sewanee or elsewhere.

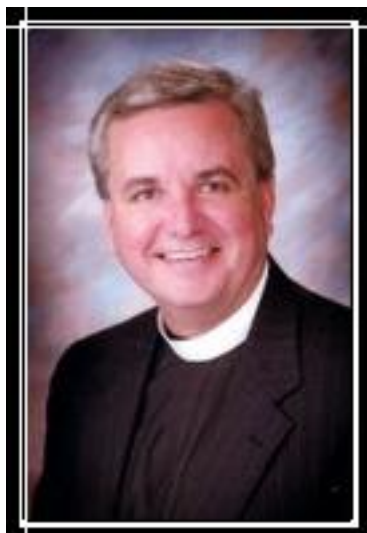
On ordination, wanting to come home to Florida, I sought and was called to be priest at Trinity Episcopal Church, Apalachicola. We were there 14 years and I retired from parish ministry in 1998. In retirement, I've served as Priest Associate at Holy Nativity with Fr John Richardson. Priest at Grace Episcopal Church, Panama City Beach. Priest Associate at Holy Nativity again, with Fr Arnold Bush. Chaplain & Religion Teacher at Holy Nativity Episcopal School for several years. Priest at St Thomas Episcopal Church, Laguna Beach for five years. Priest Associate back here at Holy Nativity, this my the third time, since

May 2009, being now soon eleven years back here at HNEC.

One 2009 day Father Steve phoned me in my office at St Thomas and graciously invited me to come back to Holy Nativity. We agreed that as Priest Associate, I'm responsible for adult Christian education, which I like best. I lead the Adult Sunday school class. I have oversight of the EfM program when we have that here. I'm on the preaching schedule as assigned, about one Sunday in three or four. I serve as Supply Priest when Father Steve is away. Except for ordinary kindness, I have no pastoral duties. I do no pastoral counseling. Except as Fr Steve may ask, or unless he's away, I do not make hospital visits or home visits. I may assist or officiate funerals. I officiate weddings from time to time as requested, for that I do my own premarital counseling (and asking the bishop's permission as required when marriage after divorce). I do not attend Vestry meetings. I may serve as Supply Priest at other parishes in the area as I wish (seldom anymore). Retired clergy, I do not go to diocesan events or clergy conferences. I have an office here at the church, where I sometimes work, though I do not have office hours. I do enjoy visiting in my office with most anyone who asks to meet with me, though never as pastoral counseling.

Tom+

Letter from Rector



Welcome and thanks for visiting our site.

One of the nicest things people say when visiting Holy Nativity is “that it feels like a good place.” I take that to mean the people visiting with us recognize us as a healthy, happy and growing family of Christian seekers. That is who we are and I hope the following pages give you a glimpse into our lives together.

Each of us is called to ministry in the name of the risen Christ. At Holy Nativity you are invited to find your place in that ministry. As Episcopalians, we believe we are called to gather as a community of faith to worship and receive the sacraments. Yet, we’re also called to gather beyond just Sunday mornings. We are called to gather in ministry, outreach and in prayer.

At Holy Nativity, we believe we are called to learn. We are called to learn the language of scripture, liturgy, tradition and reason. We stake our claim as a safe place to discern God’s will and where difficult questions can be explored.

As Episcopalians, we believe we are called to invest in ministry because each of us is called to ministry. We are invited to find our places at the table where our time, talent and riches serve to further God’s kingdom in this place we call home.

At Holy Nativity, we believe we are called to give our faith away by word and deed. We are called to be evangelists, to share the story and to serve as Christ’s hands and feet in the world.

Whatever your interest, we hope you’ll find these pages helpful in discerning Christ’s call to you. You’ll find active and dynamic programs for all ages and we’d love to have you become a part.

God love you,
Father Steve

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Rector: the Reverend Steve Bates.

Administrator: Madge Smith

Web page <http://holy-nativity.org> lists our
many ministries and missions.

Facebook

[https://www.facebook.com/Holy-Nativity-
Episcopal-Church-362946210785/](https://www.facebook.com/Holy-Nativity-Episcopal-Church-362946210785/)

One of five Episcopal congregations in Bay
County, we are a parish, governed by the
Rector (means “director”) and Vestry elected
by members at the annual parish meeting:
Fr. Steve Bates-Rector, Tricia Berry (2018-
2021), Beth Brock (2016-2019), Ian Crelling
(2016-2019), Tiffany Ennis (2016-2019),
Mark Godwin-Treasurer, Mike Harding (2017-
2020), Brian Leebrick (2018-2021), Tom
Ledman (2017-2020) Jr. Warden, Ivan
Pereira (2018-2021), George McInnis (2017-
2020) Sr. Warden, Mary Ellen Pettis (2018-
2021), Kelly Roberson (2017-2020), Madge
Smith-Clerk, Joy Thompson (2016-2019)

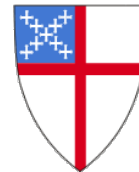
Confirmation Class 2020, combined
with Adult Sunday School class, 9:15-
10:15 Sunday mornings. Parish Library,
March 8, 15, 22. Rector’s Instructed
Eucharist March 29 in the church
concludes our Confirmation instruction for
2020. The Reverend Tom Weller
(Retired), Priest Associate (rector’s
helper)

Email twellerpc@gmail.com. Phone 850-
532-0114 (faulty hearing, so text or email,
please) Handouts: this pamphlet, weekly
worship bulletin, Parish Directory

In our three class meetings we will use a
worship bulletin, a Study Bible and a
Book of Common Prayer, which will be
provided in class. Class is informal Bible
study and Confirmation discussion. What

you will learn in class is just
enough surface information to
raise questions, which always
are invited and welcome.

Madge Smith will have a new
Book of Common Prayer for each person
confirmed. If you do not own a Bible and
would like one, please say so, and you
will be given a Study Bible from our
bookshelf.



Holy Nativity is a parish of the Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast

Diocesan office: 201 North Baylen St.,
Pensacola, Florida 32502

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32591-3330. Phone 850-434-7337

Web pa <https://www.diocgc.org>

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<https://www.facebook.com/DioCGC/>

Diocesan Bishop: the Right Reverend J.
Russell Kendrick.

A diocese is a geographic area governed
by Bishop and Standing Committee
elected by the people and appointed by
the bishop. Formed in 1970, CGC is
Alabama/Mississippi line east to
Apalachicola River, and Gulf of Mexico
north about halfway up Alabama. 62
congregations, 5 schools, 3 agencies
<https://www.diocgc.org/find-church>.
Episcopal is NT Greek word for Overseer
or Bishop, so-named because we are
governed by bishops, who are elected by
people of the diocese and confirmed by
the Episcopal Church at large. Our
bishop is personable and informal, and
you may call him “Bishop” or “Russell”.
He visits each parish at least annually,
and is scheduled to be at Holy Nativity on
Sunday, May 10, 2020 for “Episcopal
visitation” and Confirmation.

We are a diocese of The Episcopal Church in the United States of America

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ecclesiastical_provinces_and_dioceses_of_the_Episcopal_Church

Presiding Bishop: the Most Reverend Michael Curry. You may have met Bishop Curry when he visited us after Hurricane Michael

Episcopal News Service

<https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org>

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A branch of the Jesus People, TEC came out of the Church of England along with the English colonization of North America and the founding of the United States. Organized into provinces and dioceses, TEC is governed by General Convention: bicameral House of Bishops (each diocese elects its own bishop) headed by the Presiding Bishop and House of Deputies headed by elected President (delegates are elected by each diocese, four lay and four clergy from each diocese). Meets every three years in designated locations. General Convention's program is carried out by the Executive Council under the Presiding Bishop. Governing document, Constitution and Canons <https://extranet.generalconvention.org/staff/files/download/23914> . TEC has about 100 dioceses.

Episcopal shield. The red Cross of St. George on a white field is symbolic of the Church of England. The blue field in the upper left corner is the Episcopal Church. It features a Cross of St. Andrew, in recognition of the fact that the first American bishop was consecrated in Scotland. This cross is made up of nine cross-lets or mini crosses, which represent the nine dioceses that met in Philadelphia in 1789 to form the Protestant Episcopal Church of the U.S.A.

The Episcopal Church is a province of the worldwide Anglican Communion

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Web page

<http://www.anglicancommunion.org>

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/TheAnglicanCommunion>

Archbishop of Canterbury: the Most Reverend Justin Welby

Anglican Communion News Service

<http://www.anglicannews.org>

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Part of the Western Church that evolved from the 1054 AD Great Schism (splitting) of Christianity over then current issues, the Anglican Communion is one of the world's largest Christian communities. It has tens of millions of members in more than 165 countries around the globe. Anglicanism is one of the traditions or expressions of Christian faith. Others include Roman Catholicism, Eastern Orthodox, Lutheran and Baptist, Presbyterian, Methodist, and so on.

The Anglican Communion is organised into a series of provinces and

extra- provincial areas. The provinces are subdivided into dioceses, and the dioceses into parishes. There are 40 provinces and, from March 2019, five extra-provincial areas:
<http://www.anglicancommunion.org/structures/member-churches.aspx> Some provinces are national, others are regional. All are in communion – or a reciprocal relationship – with the See of Canterbury and recognise the Archbishop of Canterbury as the Communion’s spiritual head.

are autonomous and free to make their own decisions in their own ways – guided by recommendations from the four Instruments: the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lambeth Conference, the Primates ’Meeting and the Anglican Consultative Council.

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But there is no central authority in the Anglican Communion. All of the provinces

Scan the terms below, not organized but listed randomly as they came to mind, circle any you want to ask about. Do be selective, as we won’t have time to discuss every one!

episcopal, liturgy, mass eucharist, liturgical worship, sacrament, lord’s supper, holy communion, high church low church anglo-catholic, parish mission, nave chancel sanctuary, sacristy, parish house, narthex, curate rector vicar vestry senior warden junior warden, sexton verger rector vicar dean bishop archbishop, presiding bishop, primate, *deacon priest bishop*, Rev, Right Rev, Very Rev,

Most Rev, Venerable father, “mother”?, diocese bishop diocesan, Bible province cathedral see standing committee, ecclesiastical authority, bishop coadjutor, bishop suffragan, assisting/assistant bishop, synoptic gospels christology, occasional letter, justified, kingdom, disciple apostle, sanctus bells, daily office, officiant *Seasons BCP 15-33, Advent Christmas Epiphany Lent HolyWeek, Easter, Pentecost, ordinary time*, colors blue/violet/purple white green red, kneel/stand/sit, aumbry *sign of the cross*, deep bow genuflect, crucifix tabernacle,

absolution, vestments archdeacon, paraments hangings, chalice paten purificator burse veil pall cassock surplice cotta stole scarf tippet chasuble alb bishop mitre red & black cope, font, holy water altar pulpit eagle lectern, celebrant Bible Apocrypha, deacon lector chalice-bearer acolyte crucifer censer torchbearer thurible thurifer asperges aspergillum gospel book, catechism BCP Hymnal EOW supply priest, sermon homily *christus victor* Worship, holy eucharist, word/table, litany, baptism, last rites, extreme unction, Lent penitential order, rectory,

prophets, custom/tradition,
Torah pentateuch *Lex
Orandi Lex Credendi*,
Scripture Tradition
Reason, doctrine dogma,
pledge tithe lectionary,
Lectionary Years ABC,
prophets, communicant,
cremation columbarium,
matins evensong
compline.

Missions & Outreach

Steak and Bake

This is an annual event where we gather to cook and eat delicious steaks and all the fixin's to raise money for our Diocesan Children's Home, Wilmer Hall. Wilmer Hall is located in Mobile, AL. Go to www.wilmerhall.org to find out more about this ministry!

Backpack Ministry

Holy Nativity every week packs backpacks for 93 students from a local school with food who would otherwise go hungry over the weekend. Volunteers of all ages help by packing the backpacks, and with pickup and delivery. Once a month our

group called Wine, Women, and Backpacks meet and make a night of it which includes packing, bringing your favorite wine to drink, and going out to dinner. [Click here to donate for Backpack Buddy for a Year!](#)

Food Bank

Holy Nativity has an active Food Bank where parishioners bring donated food for distribution to local organizations who give to the needy in the community.

Supper At Grace

Holy Nativity supports this ministry of Grace Episcopal Church, which is located in Panama City Beach. The second Thursday of every month we volunteer to cook and serve dinner to the needy at Grace.

Veteran's Day Service

Every year during the week of Veteran's Day, Holy Nativity Episcopal School and Church honors our Veterans at a school chapel service.

English Tea and Fashion Show

Every year we present our English Tea and Fashion Show in the spring. This is always a popular event and all the proceeds go toward charities in the community.

Angel Tree

Every year during Advent, we have an Angel Tree with names from a local nursing home with their Christmas wish list. The wrapped gifts are then delivered to them for their Christmas party.

Advent Outreach Family

Every year during Advent, Holy Nativity collects donations for a family in need from the community. The youth group goes out and shops, wraps, and delivers the gifts.

Laundry Love

Several times a year parishioners give their quarters and volunteer at a local laundry mat to provide assistance in cleaning clothes for the needy.

Holy Nativity Episcopal School

HNES has been part of Holy Nativity Episcopal

Church since 1959. The school offers education for grades 3K through 8th grade. The church will always be in partnership with the school and in making sure that Panama City has a wonderful God filled opportunity of education.

Lay Ministries



The ministries of Holy Nativity touch the hearts of each and every parishioner and visitor that walk through our doors. There are many opportunities to become part of our church life here and participate in one of these groups. We encourage you to prayerfully consider sharing your God-given talent and become a lay ministry leader. If you have any questions please call the church office.

Fellowship and Food

Supper Club: Twice a year a supper club mixer is held and everyone is placed in a supper club group. Your group will

meet once a month at a person's home or at a restaurant. This is a great way to meet new people and find out more about your fellow parishioners.

Book Club: Once a month the church's Book Club meets at Panera Bread for dinner and then they move to the Parish House/Office where they discussed the selected book of the month.

Annual Meeting: An annual celebration of the parish held each January.

Wednesday Night

Programs: Every Wednesday from Sept. to May we have our *five-thirty* Casual Eucharist followed by supper and activities are adults, children, and youth.

SummerTime: During the summer months on Wednesday nights we plan a more parishioner led event with Evening prayer and supper (planned menu with the food brought by everyone).

Shell Island Sunday:

Once a year in the summer we worship on Shell Island! Everyone comes on their boat or rides the ferry. We enjoy Eucharist, a picnic, and time together in outdoors and the water.

Play Group: Join this group of young parents and their babies and toddlers as they have a play day at the church.

The Celebration

Committee: These ladies organize special receptions for example, wedding and baby showers.

Administration

Finance Committee:

Quarterly meeting reviewing financial statements of the Church.

Convention Delegate:

for Annual Diocesan Convention.

Vestry: the

governing/advisory board of the parish.

Tablecloths Ministry: to take home cloth

tablecloths for cleaning and return.

Archives Committee:

Organizes and keeps Holy Nativity's history.

Evangelism

Newcomers Ministry:

This ministry helps to welcome all visitors and new members every Sunday morning and with followup. Different areas are listed below.

*****Welcome Table:** Every Sunday volunteers are in-charge of the welcome table. It is supplied with information for both visitors and members.

*****Newcomer's Social:**

Socials are planned throughout the year to welcome our new members to Holy Nativity and this gives them a chance to meet us and learn about their new church home.

Worship

Chancel Choir: The adult choir currently sings at the 10:30 am service and at special services during the year. Rehearsal is on Thursday nights at 6:30 pm.

Rite One Choir: This adult choir currently sings at the 8:00 am service and at special services during the year.

Rehearsals are on Thursday nights at 5:30 pm.

Children's Choir: The children's choir sings often on Sunday mornings at the 10:30 service and at other special occasions.

Instrumentalists: to assist in our musical offerings during the year.

Organ Guild: to assist and be apart of a committee that maintains our organ.

Acolytes: Acolytes are youth and adults that assist in worship by carrying torches and the cross while processing, recessing, and during the reading of the Holy Gospel. They assist during in the offertory and with Eucharist. This is an important ministry that is needed during our time of worship.

Lay Eucharistic Ministers/Chalice

Bearers: Chalice Bearers are licensed by the

Bishop, and they assist the Priest during worship by helping with different parts of the service including serving communion. They are also trained as Lay Eucharistic Ministers where they can provide communion to the homebound and sick that are unable to attend a worship service.

Lectors: Lectors are parishioners who are scheduled to read the First Lesson at the 10:30 am service.

Greeters: Greeters are parishioners who are scheduled to assist the ushers at both worship services to welcome everyone and introduce newcomers and visitors to the Priest.

Ushers: Ushers are parishioners who are scheduled to assist in the worship services by taking attendance, passing around the offering plates, & guiding the congregation during communion.

Altar Guild: The Altar Guild is responsible for setting up the Altar area

for any service in the church, including decoration for church holidays and putting out our bulletins.

Nursery: The nursery is open on Sundays 7:45 am to 12:00 noon and during other events and meetings that are scheduled. We have a preschool, toddler, and infant area..

Children's Chapel: The children through 5th grade have their own chapel service during the 10:30 am worship service on Sunday mornings where they can listen and learn in their own way. They begin worship with their parents in the Nave and recess out after the children's story. They return during the announcement time of the service.

Flower Guild: A new ministry providing flowers for services and parish events.

Pastoral Care

Lay Eucharistic

Ministers: They are licensed by the bishop the same as Chalice Bearers.

They are trained to provide Communion to people who are unable to attend a worship service due to illness or who is homebound.

Feed My Sheep: Meals are made by the ladies of the church and are delivered to the sick, people recovering from illness, families with new babies, and when there is a death in the family.

Mary-Martha Circle of The Episcopal

Community: The Episcopal Community was formed in Feb. 2010 by women from around the country to share their spiritual journeys and mutually encourage each others faith.

The Order of Daughters of the King: This lay order is open to all baptized Anglican women who take vows of Daily Prayer and Service. The DOK meet once a month to serve our local parish and to pray for the spread of god's Kingdom, our pastors, the needs of our church, it's parishioners, and their loved ones.

Cursillo: A diocesan three-day "renewal retreat" of learning, worship and formation.

Service or Missions and Outreach

See our Missions and Outreach tab at the top for a list of all our missions and outreach ministries.

Education Ministries for Adults, Youth, and Children

In any of Holy Nativity's Christian Education settings there are many opportunities to share your God Given gifts. Listed below is a list of some of the offerings for our Ministry of Education. Sunday School, Wonderful Wednesday program, Special Events and trips, Cursillo, Happening, and other Diocesan events, Home Groups, Library, Communion Classes, Confirmation Classes, Adult Bible Study, Nursery and Children's Chapel

CGC CONGREGATIONS IN ALABAMA

- Andalusia - St. Mary's
- Atmore - St. Anna's (Poarch)
- Atmore - St. Dismas (Prison Ministry)
- Atmore - Trinity
- Bay Minette - Immanuel
- Bon Secour - St. Peter's
- Brewton - St. Stephen's
- Chickasaw - St. Michael's
- Citronelle - St. Thomas'
- Coden - St. Mary's by-the-Sea
- Daphne - St. Paul's
- Dauphin Island - St. Francis
- Dothan - Nativity
- Enterprise - Epiphany
- Eufaula - St. James'
- Fairhope - St. James'
- Foley - St. Paul's
- Greenville - St. Thomas'
- Gulf Shores - Holy Spirit
- Jackson - St. Peter's
- Lillian - Advent
- Magnolia Springs - St. Paul's Chapel
- Mobile - All Saints
- Mobile - Christ Church Cathedral

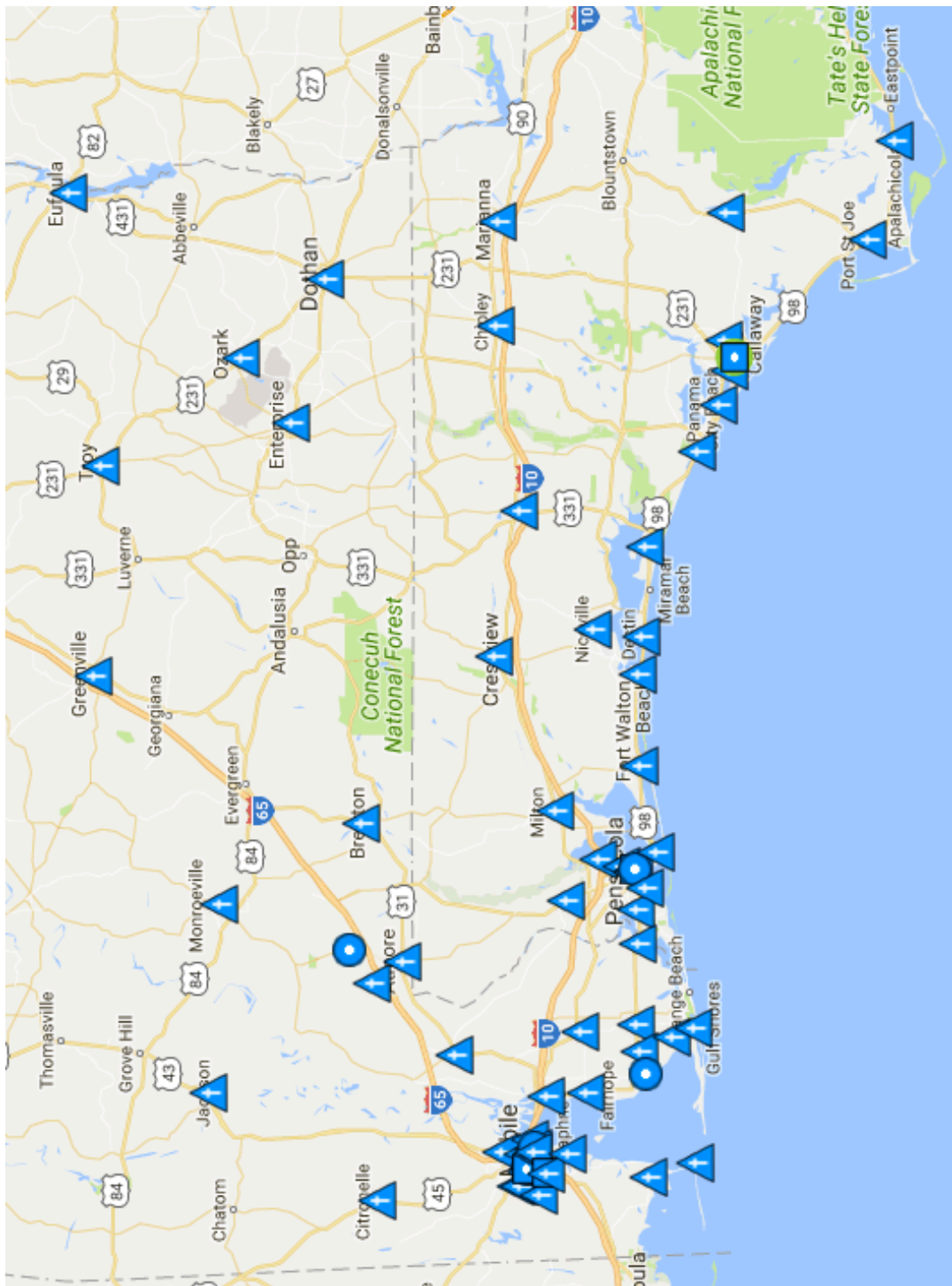
- Mobile - Good Shepherd
- Mobile - Redeemer
- Mobile - St. Andrew's
- Mobile - St. John's
- Mobile - St. Luke's
- Mobile - St. Mark's for the Deaf
- Mobile - St. Paul's
- Mobile - Trinity
- Monroeville - St. John's
- Ozark - St. Michael's
- Robertsdale - St. John the Evangelist
- Troy - St. Mark's

CGC ONGREGATIONS IN FLORIDA

- Apalachicola - Trinity
- Cantonment - St. Monica's
- Chipley - St. Matthew's
- Crestview - Epiphany
- DeFuniak Springs - St. Agatha's
- Destin - St. Andrew's by-the-Sea
- Fort Walton Beach - St. Simon's-on-the-Sound
- Gulf Breeze - St. Francis of Assisi
- Laguna Beach - St. Thomas' by-the-Sea
- Marianna - St. Luke's
- Milton - St. Mary's
- Navarre: - St. Augustine's
- Niceville - St. Jude's

- **Panama City - Holy Nativity**
- Panama City - St. Andrew's
- Panama City - St. Patrick's
- Panama City Beach - Grace
- Pensacola - Christ Church
- Pensacola - Holy Cross
- Pensacola - Holy Trinity
- Pensacola - St. Christopher's
- Pensacola - St. Cyprian's
- Pensacola - St. John's
- Port St. Joe - St. James'
- Santa Rosa Beach - Christ the King
- Wewahitchka - St. John the Baptist

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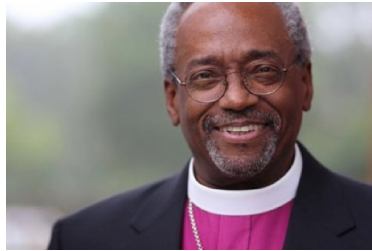
GULF COAST

**Invitation from
Presiding Bishop
Michael B. Curry to
Practice the Way of
Love**

*I pray that you, being
rooted and
established in
love, may have
power, together
with all the Lord's
holy people, to
grasp how wide
and long and high
and deep is the
love of Christ, and
to know this love
that surpasses
knowledge—that
you may be filled
to the measure of
all the fullness of
God. – Ephesians
3:17-19*

In the first century
Jesus of
Nazareth
inspired a
movement. A
community of
people whose
lives were
centered on
Jesus Christ and
committed to
living the way of
God's
unconditional,
unselfish,
sacrificial, and
redemptive love.

Before they were
called “church”
or “Christian,”
this Jesus
Movement was
simply called
“the way.”



Today I believe our
vocation is to live as the
Episcopal branch of the
Jesus Movement. But
how can we together
grow more deeply with
Jesus Christ at the
center of our lives, so
we can bear witness to
his way of love in and
for the world?

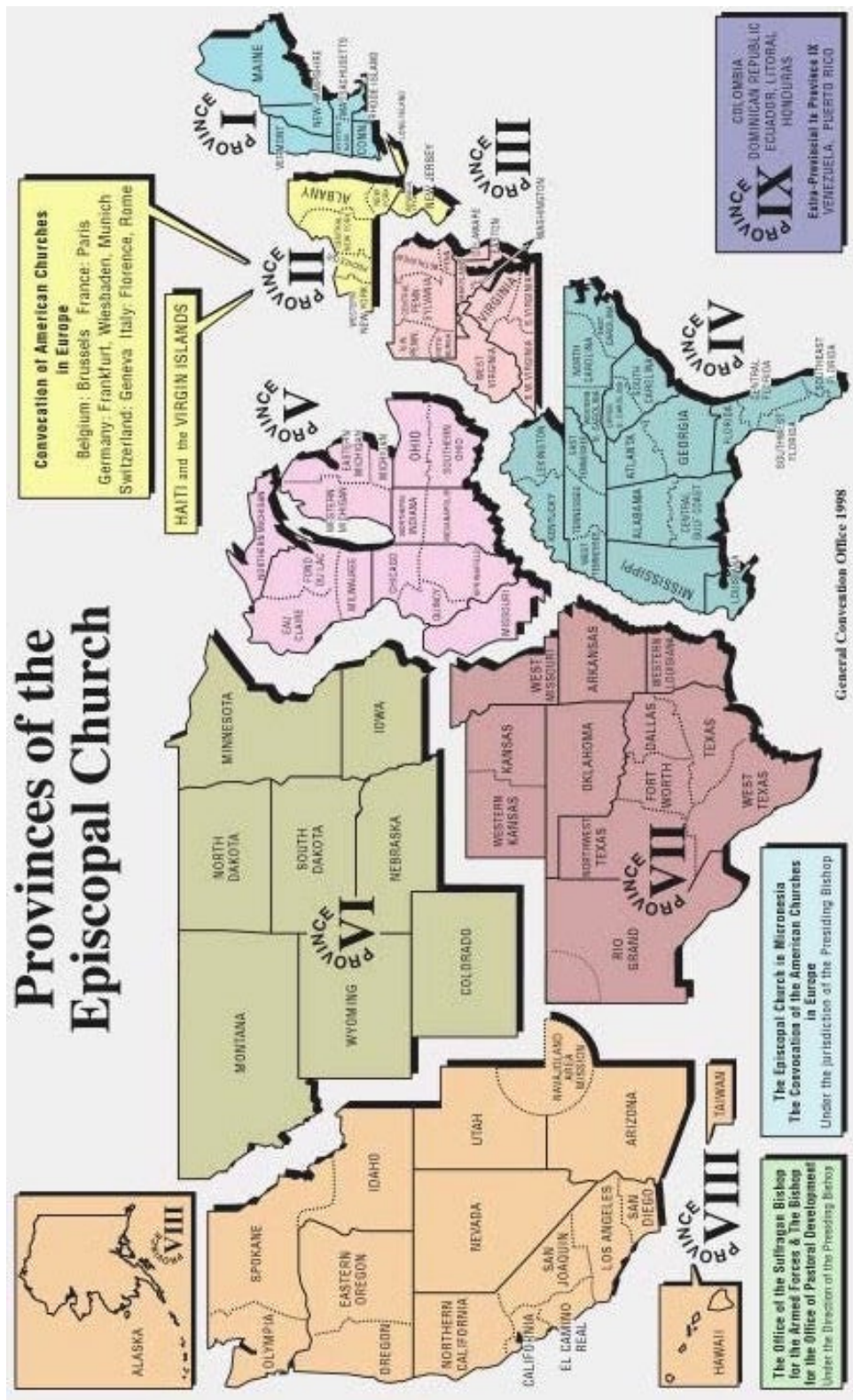
The deep roots of our
Christian tradition may
offer just such a path.
For centuries, monastic
communities have
shaped their lives
around rhythms and
disciplines for following
Jesus together. Such a
pattern is known as a
“Rule of Life.” The
framework you now
hold – **The Way of
Love: Practices for
Jesus-Centered Life** –

outlines a Rule for the
Episcopal branch of the
Jesus Movement.

It is designed to be
spare and spacious, so
that individuals, ministry
groups, congregations,
and networks can flesh
it out in unique ways
and build a church-wide
treasure trove of stories
and resources. There is
no specific order you
need to follow. If you
already keep a Rule or
spiritual disciplines, you
might reflect and
discover how that path
intersects with this one.
By entering into
reflection, discernment
and commitment around
the practices of **Turn -
Learn - Pray - Worship
- Bless - Go - Rest**, I
pray we will grow as
communities following
the loving, liberating,
life-giving way of Jesus.
His way has the power
to change each of our
lives and to change this
world.

Your brother in the Way
of Jesus,
+Michael
The Most Reverend
Michael B. Curry, Primate
and Presiding Bishop of
the Episcopal Church

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WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN COMMUNION, BY PROVINCE

The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

The Anglican Church of Australia

The Church of Bangladesh

Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

The Anglican Church of Burundi

The Anglican Church of Canada

The Church of the Province of Central Africa

Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

The Church of England

Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

The Church of Ireland

The Nippon Sei Ko Kai (The Anglican Communion in Japan)

The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East

The Anglican Church of Kenya

The Anglican Church of Korea

The Anglican Church of Melanesia

La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

The Church of North India (United)

The Church of Pakistan (United)

The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

The Scottish Episcopal Church

Church of the Province of South East Asia

The Church of South India (United)

The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

The Anglican Church of South America

Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

The Anglican Church of Tanzania

The Church of the Province of Uganda

The Episcopal Church

The Church in Wales

The Church of the Province of West Africa

The Church in the Province of the West Indies

The Church of Ceylon (E-P to the Archbishop of Canterbury)

Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba

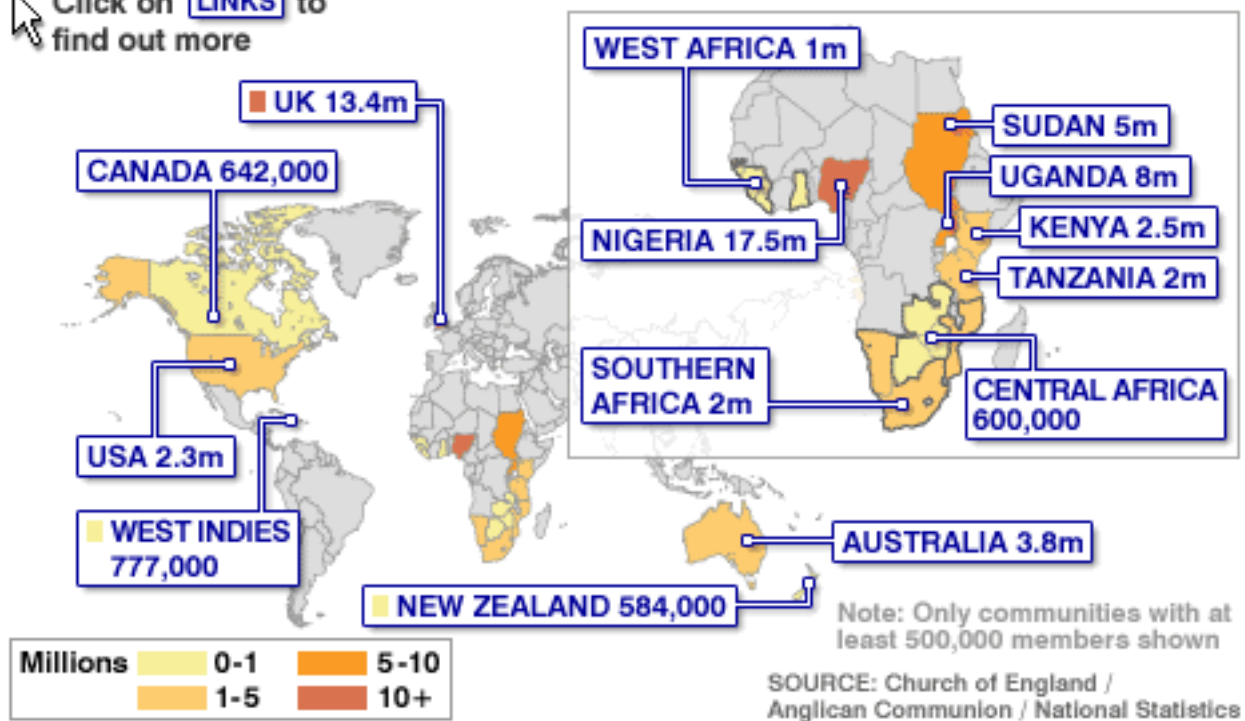
Bermuda (Extra-Provincial to Canterbury)

The Lusitanian Church (E-P to the Archbishop of Canterbury)

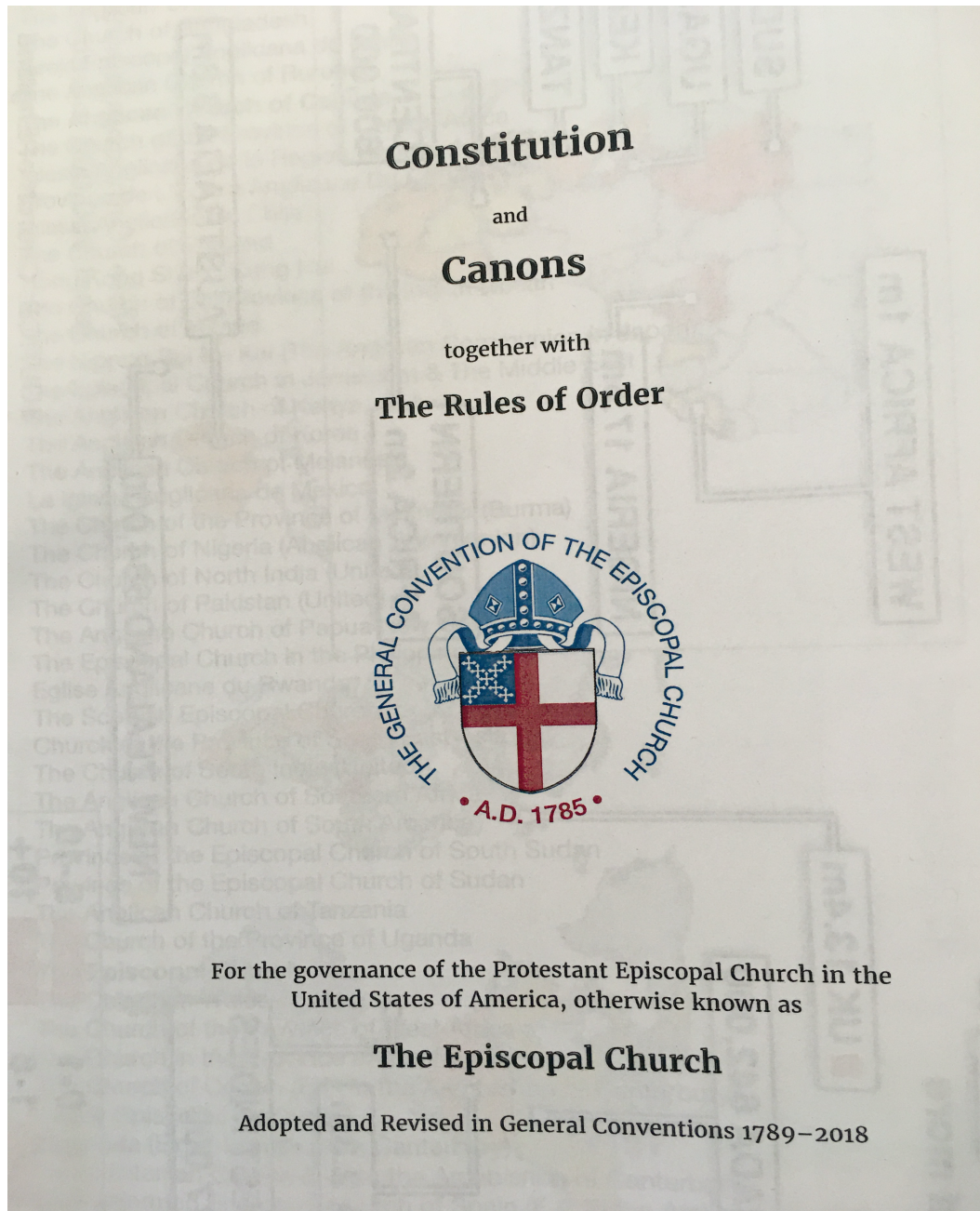
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I have no idea why this photographed partly crooked, as my original was perfectly straight. But by the time I got to this point in converting my Confirmation Class package from hardcopy to electronic, and from PAGES to WORD, I did not care; so you get it crooked. My father would call it "wappy-jawed". Fr Tom+