



TRINITY TALK

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HERITAGE PERSONAGES by W. Stewart Roberts

Chapter 2: An Unfinished Long Journey continued

Before her ordination, The Rev. Florence Li Tim-Oi had been administering the Sacraments to the Hong Kong congregants, but Bishop Ronald Hall felt he should regularize the situation through ordination. Hall explained the necessity of his action to the Archbishop of Canterbury, William Temple. Privately Temple sympathized with Hall, but publicly he denounced Hall's action.

The Rev. Florence Li served the dioceses of Hong Kong until the end of World War II, whereupon, to avoid controversy, she voluntarily resigned her license as a priest, but not her orders. She remained in Hong Kong and China where she was caught up in the Cultural Revolution and forced to work in a factory.

In later years she moved to Canada and was a priest in Toronto. She was awarded a Doctorate of Divinity by the General Theological Seminary, New York and Trinity College, Toronto. The Rev. Florence Li Tim-Oi died in 1992.

A return to Hong Kong in 1971 witnesses another milestone in this unfinished long journey. In February the Anglican Consultative Council (ACC) stated that if Bishop Gilbert Baker decided to ordain women to the priesthood, "his action will be acceptable to the Council." On November 28 Bishop Baker ordained two women to the priesthood, Jane Hwang Hsien Yuen, a lay minister and Joyce Mary Bennett, an English CNS missionary. They were the first authorized woman priests in the Anglican Communion.

Note: Also, in Hong Kong in 1971, the writer's older children, Elizabeth and Stewart III, were confirmed by Bishop Baker in St. John's Cathedral on April 11th.

(To be continued)



Jane Hwang



Joyce Bennett



MESSY CHURCH IS RETURNING

Imagine sitting in your beach chair surrounded by friends and family worshipping God, celebrating life and having fun, all here on the back lawn at Trinity. One Saturday a month during the summer we will have an outside evening Eucharist where all are invited to participate and children tell the Bible story. This is a great way to include family members who aren't currently attending services and a wonderful way to introduce friends and neighbors to Trinity and the Episcopal Church. Our first Messy Church will be on **Saturday June 9th 5:30pm**. Please bring a side dish, dessert, or appetizer to share, as well as something to add to the drink table - juice boxes, waters, soda, wine or beer. Don't forget your beach chair or blanket!

From our Rector

.....*The Rev. Jeannie Martz*

Shifting blame, shifting the responsibility for our own actions onto others, has been part of human relationships ever since that unfortunate Incident With The Fruit, and it has continued a part of human relationships ever since.

And let's face it – back in the Garden, Adam didn't pull any punches; he went straight to the top, blaming God even before he blamed Eve.

"[The LORD God] said, 'Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom **you** gave to be with me, **she** gave me the fruit from the tree, and I ate.'" (Gen. 3:11b-12, emphasis mine)

Eve didn't claim any more responsibility than Adam had: "Then the LORD God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, '**The serpent** tricked me, and I ate.'" (Gen. 3:13, emphasis mine)

Obviously, pointing our finger at others is a behavior we have continued to feel comfortable with, because centuries later and much writing of Scripture later, Jesus says in chapter 7 of Matthew's Gospel, verses 3-5, "Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in **your own eye**? Or how can you say to your neighbor, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' while the log is in **your own eye**? You hypocrite, first take the log out of **your own eye**, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor's eye."

And we don't even need the recipient of our buck-passing to be human. Witness the claim of Moses' brother Aaron when it came to who was responsible for the fabrication of the Golden Calf while Moses was up on the mountain with God, receiving the Ten Commandments:

"Moses said to Aaron, 'What did this people do to you that you have brought so great a sin upon them?' And Aaron said, 'Do not let the anger of my lord burn hot; you know the people, that they are bent on evil. They said to me, 'Make us gods, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.' So I said to them, 'Whoever has gold, take it off'; so they gave it to me, **and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf!**'" (Ex. 32:21-24, emphasis mine but exclamation point in the text)

Aaron. Seriously? The gold turned into the Calf by itself?

Taking responsibility for our actions as well as seeing how our actions impact others are two of the goals of the year-long Diocesan Reconciliation Process that got underway last week. The Reconciliation Process as guided by the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center of Lombard, Illinois is based on the family systems theory first posited in the second half of the 20th century by Dr. Murray Bowen, a theory then extended to organizations and institutions by Dr. Edwin Friedman and Dr. Peter Steinke, among others.

As explained in the material from the first workshop, "In Dr. Bowen's view, human beings are best understood not as isolated individuals, but within the context of family – as parts of relationship systems, which themselves function as an emotional unit. Within these relationship systems, all of us work to achieve some measure of individuality while living with pressures for togetherness....None of us, however, and by extension none of our families or institutions, are fully successful at this effort. For all of us, moment-to-moment reactions, daily choices, and life courses are determined more than we are usually aware by automatic, instinctive reactions to the emotional cues we pick up from others." (Workshop Manual, "Foreword", p. v)

Within our various relationship systems, we all act upon, and react to,

each other.

An important factor that every person, family, and institution deals with on a daily basis is anxiety, described as "The response of an organism to a threat, real or imagined; a kind of emotional wind transmitted and absorbed without thinking." There are two flavors of emotional wind, two kinds of anxiety: "acute" and "chronic". (Ibid., p. B-1)

Again drawing on the workshop materials, acute anxiety "occurs in response to real threats; is fed by fear of what is; and is experienced as time-limited. People usually adapt to acute anxiety fairly successfully as it is a reaction to specific events or issues" – illness, job loss, etc.

Chronic anxiety on the other hand, "occurs in response to imagined threats; is fed by fear of what might be; and is not experienced as time-limited. Chronic anxiety often strains or exceeds people's ability to adapt to it and is primarily generated by a disturbance in the balance of a relationship system." Secrets, unresolved issues from the past, and the threat of change are biggies here. (Ibid.)

One of the most important points made in the initial workshop that Rev. Annie and I attended last week is that for all participants, the primary focus of all the information being shared is *each of us as individuals, and as individual members of many different relationship systems.*

In other words, what we learn is to be used to better understand the logs in our own eyes. It's not to be used to diagnose the specks in the eyes of others.

How does each one of us act and react? How does each of us respond to and deal with anxiety? What role has each of us played in relation to the controversy surrounding the Diocese and the congregation of St. James? What could we have done differently?

Most importantly, what new self-awareness can each of us take into the future as fallible human beings, but human beings who individually are made in the image of God and who collectively are members of the relationship system we call the Body of Christ?

It should be an interesting year!

Jeannie



REV. JEANNIE IS ON VACATION from May 4th through May 15th. This time she is traveling to New Mexico to visit Albuquerque, Santa Fe, and Taos. As always, if you have a pastoral emergency during this time, please call the office 714-637-1390 or Rev. Annie at 949-300-8434.



**SAS PROGRAMS
May, 2018**

Tuesday, May 1 – 11:00 AM A selection of some of the best books on the history of Orange County will be presented by Harriet Friis as she shares local historian Phil Brigandi's latest work AN ORANGE SHELF. Books from the Friis collection will be on display. The program will be followed by a POTLUCK LUNCH.

Tuesday, May 15 – 11:30 AM COOKS' DAY OFF will find SAS at RODRIGO'S MEXICAN GRILL (formerly Ricardo's Don Jose), 1230 E Katella Ave. Members may go directly to the restaurant at 11:30, or meet at Trinity at 11:15 for carpooling. Please note the change in time.



05/03 Pat Higgins	05/15 Yvonne Omer
Guy Sinclair	05/16 Lisa Jewett
05/04 Sylvia Sunshine	Jack Crabbs
05/05 Gene Robinson	05/17 Johnny Jaime
John Powers	05/18 Lindsay Whipple
05/07 Adam Quintero	05/19 Heather Eslick
05/08 Reginald Elendu	Dee Wilkie
05/09 Angelina Parque	05/20 Barbara Spangler
05/11 Carol Reynolds	05/23 Dubem Elendu
05/12 Cindy Nelson	05/24 Angharad Mulville
John Metzger	Stan Baker
05/13 Kathy Racine	05/26 Hal Parmenter
Rich Heim	Laurel Baker
05/14 Amy Gavello	05/30 Marci Christian



05/07 Mark Shier and Duane Steadman
05/22 Dan and Kristen Patterson
05/27 Pete and Elaine Weidner

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will be meeting on **Saturday May 12th** in the Library from 9:30am—11:00am. This month the group will review their current selection: The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared by Jonas Jonnason. Come join them for a truly enjoyable morning, and some lively literary discussions. A synopsis follows:

A reluctant centenarian much like Forrest Gump (if Gump were an explosives expert with a fondness for vodka) decides it's not too late to start over . . .

After a long and eventful life, Allan Karlsson ends up in a nursing home, believing it to be his last stop. The only problem is that he's still in good health, and in one day, he turns 100. A big celebration is in the works, but Allan really isn't interested (and he'd like a bit more control over his vodka consumption). So he decides to escape. He climbs out the window in his slippers and embarks on a hilarious and entirely unexpected journey, involving, among other surprises, a suitcase stuffed with cash, some unpleasant criminals, a friendly hot-dog stand operator, and an elephant (not to mention a death by elephant).

It would be the adventure of a lifetime for anyone else, but Allan has a larger-than-life backstory: Not only has he witnessed some of the most important events of the twentieth century, but he has actually played a key role in them. Starting out in munitions as a boy, he somehow finds himself involved in many of the key explosions of the twentieth century and travels the world, sharing meals and more with everyone from Stalin, Churchill, and Truman to Mao, Franco, and de Gaulle. Quirky and utterly unique, The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared has charmed readers around the world.

MAY OUTREACH CALENDAR

05/06	Ingathering Sunday—Canned Fruit
05/06	St. Paul's Supper Program
05/07	Outreach Meeting—6:30pm Library
05/24	Parish Dinner Out— Miguel's Jr

OUTREACH AND OTHER NEWS



PARISH DINNER OUT

This month we are going to Miguel's Jr for some great Mexican food. We are doing this a little differently to see how it works. We are going through a fundraising group where we will get 25% of the proceeds, but we have to RSVP ahead of time. We need 20 people to RSVP on our meal page to receive final confirmation of our meal by May 21, 2018, **or the event will be canceled**. No flyers needed this time, just mention **Outreach Committee-Trinity Episcopal Church**. Let's see how this new program works. Just click on the link and RSVP <https://www.groupraise.com/events/58023>

Help Outreach make their 2018 goal.

Thursday May 24, 2018

10:00am-9:00pm

1325 North Tustin Street

EASTER BREAKFAST THANKS!



Thank you for joining us on Easter morning!

The Outreach Commission would like to thank our Trinity family for their participation in the annual Easter Breakfast. For all those who worked in the kitchen, decorated, cleaned up, and especially to all of you for joining us in this special holiday tradition... Thank you! It is your support that allows us to fulfill our mission of helping those in our community who are in need.



Outreach Spring Luncheon

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, June 2nd, when Outreach presents "Planes, Trains, and Automobiles" a Spring luncheon featuring tables adorned with the dishes and decorations of each hostess. Spotlighting this event will be a talk by Trinity's own Heather Anderson, a professional travel agent. Just in time for vacation season, Heather will talk about best travel buys, off-beat destinations, and some of her favorite spots. You may also be taking home a lovely basket from the Silent Auction. Tickets for this event are \$20.00 per person and will go on sale after each service beginning Sunday April 29th.

All proceeds will go to local non-profit programs providing food, shelter, tutoring, addiction recovery and other services for those in need.

Come join us for this wonderful fun and knowledgeable afternoon!

WORSHIP AND GIVING SATURDAY AND SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

04/01	389	\$11,828
04/08		\$ 7,911
04/15		\$35,171
04/22		\$5,601

Youth News



All Trinity high school and middle school students will be meeting every week together again! **Starting Wednesday May 3 all 6th through 12th graders will meet from 6:30 to 8:30pm in the Simpson Youth Center.** We will hang out, play games, have Bible study, discussion and prayer, and of course snacks. Please plan on joining us!

Planning Ahead for Summer

Sunday June 3 we will celebrate our Sunday School teachers by recognizing them during the 10 am service. All Sunday School teachers are invited to be at church that day for our special **teacher recognition day!**

Sunday June 10 we will celebrate our high school graduates! Please plan on joining us to hear about their successes and plans on **Baccalaureate Sunday.**

Saturday August 11th is Vacation Bible School! We need teens and older as volunteers to put on a fun day. Please contact Rev. Annie, Suzanne or Heather with any questions.

Ukulele Band

There is nothing more fun than being together making music! Everyone from 5 to 105 years old is invited to join us. Instruments are provided. We practice the first and third Sundays of each month at noon in the youth center for 30 minutes. We are planning on providing music at Messy Church! It's never too late to join us.

Glorious Easter at Trinity



Easter Service and Flowering of the Cross



Easter Egg Hunt

