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Christ the King Episcopal Church

Santa Barbara, California

## EIGHT CORE VALUES OF FAITH-BASED RECONCILIATION

**Pluralism**—we seek unity in the midst of diversity

**Compassionate Inclusion**—we seek to overcome hostility by the practice of unconditional love toward others, including one's enemies

**Peacemaking**—we seek to engage in constructive joint problem solving

**Social Justice**—we seek the common good through transformation of the soul of a community

**Forgiveness**—we exercise forgiveness and repentance as individuals and communities to create the possibility of a future together

**Healing**—we seek to heal the wounds of history through acknowledgment and remedy of suffering and injustice

**Acknowledging God's Sovereignty**—we seek as individuals and communities to acknowledge God's authority through submission and surrender.

**Atonement**—we seek to find peace with God and become people of faith

## CHURCH GROWTH

I am praying for God to send new people to Christ the King. Four years ago we were bursting at the seams with young families and children. It wasn't unusual for us to have fifteen children in the nursery on a Sunday morning in 2012. However, right after the Hollister Corridor vision occurred in June 2012 we began to suffer severe attrition that cut our average Sunday attendance almost in half. The same exact thing happened to Goleta Vineyard who was also part of that prayer meeting. They are still in a time of recovery.

Church growth is both complex and a mystery. I have studied the subject extensively going back to 1980 when I attended the Church Growth Institute in Pasadena. Later during my doctoral studies at Fuller Seminary I took two Church Growth courses from Dr. Peter Wagner and Pastor John Wimber.

Church growth is, first of all, complex. There are different types of growth:

- Growth in Sunday attendance

- Growth in spiritual maturity
- Growth in vision, ministry and mission
- Growth in influence both locally and beyond

Church growth is also a mystery. By all church growth principles, St. James Church in Newport Beach during the 1970's and 1980's should not have been a growing church. Yet, we more than doubled in size and our budget went from \$150,000 to almost a \$1 million per year. Explosive growth! Christ the King experienced steady growth from 1967 to 1978 when the new church opened. Since that time, it has gone up and down over the past thirty five years. The last four years have been unusual in the intensity of attrition. I can only conclude three possibilities:

- I stayed too long and that the focus on reconciliation activities has not contributed to numerical growth.
- The attrition coming right after

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### Bunting Home Group

Meets: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays  
7:00 pm  
Format: Prayer, discussion, sharing  
Contact: Steve or Lynn Bunting  
684-5818  
Location: Bunting home

### Chocolate Bear Home Group

Meets: Wednesdays at 7:00 pm  
Format: Worship Songs, Study, Prayer  
Contact: Eileen Francis at 967-0948  
Location: Womble home—646 Pilgrim Terrace

## CTK HOME GROUPS

### Lost & Found Home Group

Meets: 1st and 3rd Thursday  
7:00 pm  
Format: Worship songs, study, sharing, prayer  
Contact: Michael Wilds 452-5100 or Robin Denny 968-1537  
Location: Powers/Denny home

### Sunday Night Home Group

Meets: 1st Sunday of the month 6:00 pm + 3rd Sunday of the month after church for lunch & fellowship  
Format: Study, Prayer & Fellowship  
Study: 1 Corinthians—13 studies for Individual and Groups  
Contact: Andrew & Jana Mullen 695-0257  
Location: Varies

the Hollister Corridor vision was a powerful attack of spiritual warfare meant to discourage us from our mission.

- The attrition was actually God’s own doing to slim CTK down for its mission during this upcoming season as he did with Gideon in his task of taking on the Midianites.

Depending on the day I bounce around each of these three possibilities. However, I know that it will be the task of my successor to rebuild the size of the CTK community. That being said, Christ the King is not a dying church! It is filled with people who love Jesus Christ, are filled with the Holy Spirit and are engaged in ministry and mission. For its size as a small congregation it has an extraordinary influence in the local community and in the larger global community because of our mission of Faith-Based Reconciliation.

Christ the King also has a unique Anglican witness in Santa Barbara which sets it apart from the other three Episcopal Churches. It is not only eucharistic, but it is also evangelical, charismatic and missional. We combine the best of the Anglican tradition with the dynamic power of the historic charismatic renewal.

I am praying for God to send new people to Christ the King. And they will come! To paraphrase James Earl Jones in Field of Dreams, “People will come,

people will most certainly come. They will not always know why, but when they come they will sense that they walked into both the richness of the past and the excitement of the future at the same time.” That is the uniqueness of Christ the King.

Your brother in Christ,  
Brian Cox

## Christ the King Community Camp September 2 – 4, 2016 Registration Form

Campers  
Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

city: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults \_\_\_\_\_  
Youth (7-22) \_\_\_\_\_  
Child (age of child 0-6) \_\_\_\_\_

Amt. Paid \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or special medical needs  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Camp this year will cost \$170 for adults and \$75 for children and youth. Day camping is available for \$40 per day including meals. Please let us know if you have any concerns.

Every camper must fill out a registration form. A minimum of a 50% deposit must be paid at time of sign up. This form needs to be given to Chris Fischer, John Rouse or Todd & Everly Manes.. Please make checks payable to Christ the King and in the memo field write “Camp”. No cancellation refunds after August 24.

**PHIL WOMBLE BIRTHDAY BARBEQUE**

**Phil Womble is turning 80!**

CTK Members, Cursillistas and other friends are invited to a birthday barbeque at CTK on Saturday, September 10 at 4:00pm

## TRANSITION PROCESS UPDATE

**T**eri and Chris are very thankful for your prayers as we met to organize the transition process. We both were concerned that we had too many all congregation events scheduled in such a short period of time (Story Day, Survey Lunch, Family Camp, Faith Based Reconciliation Workshop. This was further confirmed when Chris was not able to schedule Story Day as planned. Our first event in the Transition Process will be **the Faith Based Reconciliation Workshop “Passing the Baton” November 11- 13, 2016 at CTK.** Please mark this date on

your calendar and let us all support this very important event. Please continue to pray for Teri and Chris as they plan to recommend a more realistic transition schedule to the Vestry in September. They also want to share the following words of encouragement that we need to “take a deep breath” and that “time is your friend” during transition.

**Mark your calendar now!**  
**Passing the Baton**  
**November 11-13, 2016 at Christ the King**



### Christ the King Church Camp and Family Retreat

# *FUN and WORSHIP!*

## September 2—4, 2016

### Friday Evening through Sunday afternoon.

**Forest Home Ministries Camp, Ojai Valley  
655 Burnham Road, Oak View**

Includes: Heated Pool, Zip Lines, Climbing Wall, Basketball, Bumper Pool, Foosball, Air Hockey, Ping Pong, Miles of Hiking Trails, Board Games, Frisbee Golf Course, Skateboarding Park

There will be fun family time, sharing, games, skits, campfire, contests, church community and Sunday Eucharist....

**Come to camp and you will have FUN!**

Air Conditioned cabins with bunk beds for adults.

**Cost: Adults- \$170      Children - \$75**

**Day Campers - \$40 per day including meals**

Payment plan is available on request (Up to three monthly payments, first payment in July & final payment in September).

**Invite a friend!    Make your reservations today!**

**For Reservations, Questions or Comments**

**Chris Fischer 964-6970  
John Rouse 570-6608 or  
Todd & Everly Manes 232-8375**

## IN THE BEGINNING

The second in a series of articles about the history of Christ the King church by Dick Morrow

**O**n January 25, 1966, a meeting was held in the home of Bill and Cynthia Thomas to discuss the formation of a new mission church to be located in the geographic area between Trinity Episcopal Church in downtown Santa Barbara and St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Isla Vista. The Thomases were attending St. Michael's at the time and the meeting was held in their home because it was located close to some property on Via Chaparral that had been purchased by the Diocese of Los Angeles a few years before. The meeting was called by a Dean Carl Markgraf. Attendees included Dr. George Hall, the Rector of All Saints in Montecito, Fr. Ayers, the Rector of Trinity Episcopal, and Fr. Hartung, the Vicar of St. Michael's. (There is reason to believe, from later notes, that this meeting had not been authorized by the Diocese.)

It is unknown how news of this meeting was spread, but it apparently reached the charismatic prayer group that was being held in the Newman home because both Floyd Newman and Don and Judy Griesinger were there. "The question before the group was, "Is now the time?" It went unanswered as no need could be determined in a concrete manner. The empty pews at Trinity and St. Michael's were mentioned."<sup>1</sup>

Thus began a series of five meetings that occurred between January and May of 1966 involving local clergy and interested laity whose primary motivation appears to have been a desire for better Sunday School programs. The substance of these meetings is recorded in handwritten notes apparently taken by Judy Griesinger and, sometime during this period, Don Griesinger, the Pentecostal-turned-Episcopalian, stepped up to assume leadership of a growing group of interested people. At a meeting on March 13, held in the Griesinger's home, Floyd Newman announced that a church building on Hollister Avenue near San Marcos High School, owned by Grace Lutheran Church, might be up for sale.

During this time there apparently had been an application to the Diocese by St. Michael's to move that mission across the freeway to the Fairview area.

There is a hand-written Episcopal News Notice dated May 1, 1966 announcing that application and stating, "the Diocese is waiting for this to be accomplished before any further consideration is given to another mission in the north Santa Barbara area." Hence there was an almost nine month hiatus in these planning meetings while the group decided "to continue looking into the Sunday School curriculum picture with an eye to starting cottage Sunday School meetings."<sup>1</sup>

On Sunday, January 8, 1967, a meeting was held at the Lutheran Church on Hollister Ave., the building that would become the first home of Christ the King Mission. The meeting was chaired by Rev. Jess E. Taylor, the Dean of the Santa Barbara Convocation, and attended by approximately 50 people! The pros and cons of establishing a mission were discussed, and a questionnaire was sent out, to be completed and returned to Dean Taylor, in time for the next meeting scheduled for January 22. At that meeting the results of the questionnaire were discussed: 34 surveys had been returned – of those, 22 pledged financial support ranging from \$1.00 a week to \$25.00 a month which, when totaled, would provide an annual income of \$4888.00! At that meeting a committee was formed consisting of Don Griesinger as Chair, Judy Griesinger as Secretary, and also including Tom Zeiher and Robert Medley.

On February 3 a report was received that the Lutheran Church facility would be available for rental for all day Sunday usage plus one weeknight for \$37.00 a week. Additional weeknights could be arranged for \$5.00 a night. On February 15, Don Griesinger sent out a letter on recent developments inviting recipients to come to his house on February 26 to sign a petition to be sent to Bishop Bloy requesting the formation of a new mission in North Santa Barbara. Thirty nine people signed that petition, one of whom is our own Joyce Mohun who still attends CTK!

A letter dated March 5, 1967, was sent to Bishop Bloy by Don Griesinger, along with the petition and the survey results, formally requesting the formation

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of the new mission. On June 24 another meeting was held with Dean Taylor where a proposed Bishop's Committee was presented with Don Griesinger as Warden and Floyd Newman as Treasurer. Names for the new mission were discussed including San Marcos Episcopal Church, St. John the Evangelist, St. Timothy's, Church of the Holy Spirit, and Christ the King. A letter dated June 16, 1967, sent from Don Griesinger to "Dear Friends" begins, "It is now official: Bishop Bloy and the Standing Committee have given their approval for the organization of a new Episcopal Mission in north Santa Barbara." Another organizational meeting was held on June 25 where the Bishop's Committee was formally elected. A great deal of work was accomplished in the ensuing month. The first service was held on July 23,

1967. The celebrant was the Rev. Canon Poland Miller from Church of the Ascension in Seattle. (Rev. Miller was Judy Griesinger's father.) The bulletin, which was mimeographed on plain white paper, with a red potato stamp of a cross and a crown, announced that the Bishop's Committee had concurred on the name of the mission: THE CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING!

<sup>1</sup> From handwritten notes of these meetings taken by Judy Griesinger.

**TOGETHER IN PRAYER  
WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS  
AUGUST 2016**

Week 1—The Transition Process: Pray that God would be preparing the heart of our new priest.

Week 2— Physical and Spiritual Welfare of the Congregation: Pray for those in our congregation who are feeling distant from God.

Week 3— Father Brian: Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide and direct Fr. Brian as he makes plans for his retirement.

Week 4— The Ministries of the Church: Pray that God would help us find a stable caregiver for our Nursery who will cherish our children.

# CHRIST THE KING OUTREACH

## Partner Congregations

Adonai Roi Messianic Jewish Congregation—Tel Aviv  
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church—Ramallah  
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church—Santa Barbara  
Holy Family Episcopal Church, Raineh Vineyard Christian Fellowship—Goleta  
Christ Episcopal Church—Nazareth

## CTK Missionaries

Chander & Kanta Khanna and Iftikhar Bazmi—Kashmir  
Bassam Ishak—Syria

## CTK Indigenous Ministries

Bookmark Project  
Healing Prayer Outreach Ministry/  
Inasmuch Ministry  
Y/Strive/Oxford Tutoring Program

## CTK Partner Agencies

Network Medical  
Toward Jerusalem Council II  
Romanian Evangelistic Medical Mission  
Hope Counseling Center

## CTK Projects

Healing Prayer Hotline/Healing Prayer Booth  
Faith-Based Reconciliation Trust of India  
Racial Reconciliation Core Group  
Israel/Palestine Core Group  
Hollister Corridor Project



Do you know someone who thinks she might be pregnant: Ask her to call Life Network for a free pregnancy test and information on her options. All services are free and confidential. For one-on-one help, Network Medical can be reached at 967-9096.

# RACIAL HEALING

## P R B O O K M A R K

## J E C T A U G U S T 2 0 1 6

### PRAYER REQUESTS for Reconciliation

August 2016

People & Organizations & Issues

### RACIAL HEALING

For a spirit of thanksgiving for the many prophets and pioneers of racial reconciliation in America

For an honest national conversation about race with an eye toward racial justice and healing of historical wounds as both a prophetic and patriotic movement

For a seed of racial reconciliation in our community that will prepare the ground for spiritual revival, awakening and a visitation from God

For the partnership to grow between Christ the King and Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

For the racial reconciliation core group: Fr. Brian, Chris Fischer, Michael Powers, Michael Wilds, Pastor Louis Watkins, Keith Terry, Ashe Jones

For a people movement that is grounded in a reconciling spirit and reconciled relationships as a foundation for genuine social change in our community

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*"A community of people who glorify and serve Jesus Christ through the ministry of reconciliation."*

### RECONCILIATION PRAYER PROJECT

During this month, we are praying that God will plant a seed of racial reconciliation that will prepare the ground in the Santa Barbara community for spiritual revival, awakening and a visitation from God. In praying for specific people, issues and organizations, we believe He will build bridges and break down walls of hostility that exist in our community. Through this outpouring of prayer and the Holy Spirit, it is our hope that God will be honored and will reveal to people of faith how they might serve as instruments of reconciliation in our community.

In addition to prayers for current issues affecting our local community, each month includes a prayer focus on particular groups of people and organizations within Santa Barbara County. For the month of **August**, we are praying specifically for **RACIAL HEALING**.

Your comments, questions and suggestions are appreciated.

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The Rev. Canon Brian Cox, Rector

*"Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ, and gave us the ministry of reconciliation."  
- 2 Corinthians 5:18*



# August 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 5:45 Celtic Contemplative Evening Prayer	2 Fr. Brian on Vacation	3 Fr. Brian on Vacation	4 4:00 Upper Room Prayer Group 7:00 Lost & Found Home Group	5	6 8:30 Joyful Noise Rehearsal 10:00 Y-Strive/Oxford Tutoring Program
Rite I/IIA 6:00 Sunday Night Home Group 12th Sunday after Pentecost	7 8 5:45 Celtic Contemplative Evening Prayer	9 Fr. Brian on Vacation	10 4:00 Y-Strive/Oxford Tutoring Program 7:00 Chocolate Bear Home Group	11 4:00 Upper Room Prayer Group	12	13 8:30 Joyful Noise Rehearsal 10:00 Y-Strive/Oxford Tutoring Program
Rite IIB 13th Sunday after Pentecost	14 15 5:45 Celtic Contemplative Evening Prayer	16 4:00 Racial Reconciliation Core Group	17 4:00 Y-Strive/Oxford Tutoring Program 7:00 Chocolate Bear Home Group	18 4:00 Upper Room Prayer Group 7:00 Lost & Found Home Group	19	20 8:30 Joyful Noise Rehearsal 10:00 Y-Strive/Oxford Tutoring Program 2:00 Memorial Service for Eleanor Ward
Rite IIC Healing Prayer Sunday 12:30 Sunday Night Home Group 14th Sunday after Pentecost	21 29 6:30 Bethel Bible Series Leadership Training	23 4:00 Racial Reconciliation Core Group	24 4:00 Y-Strive/Oxford Tutoring Program 7:00 Chocolate Bear Home Group	25 4:00 Upper Room Prayer Group <b>Mannafold Deadline</b>	26	27 8:30 Joyful Noise Rehearsal 10:00 Y-Strive/Oxford Tutoring Program
Rite IID 15th Sunday after Pentecost	28 30 6:30 Bethel Bible Series Leadership Training	30 4:00 Racial Reconciliation Core Group	31 4:00 Y-Strive/Oxford Tutoring Program 7:00 Chocolate Bear Home Group			

**Christ the King is a community of people who glorify and serve Jesus Christ through the ministry of reconciliation**

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## From the Grapevine...

- Beloved CTK member Eleanor Ward died on July 18 at the Smith Health Center at Samarkand. The Memorial Service will be Saturday, August 20 at 2:00pm at CTK. It will be followed by a reception at CTK. Please keep Bob and the Ward family in your prayers.
- Esther Gasiorowski was born July 13, 2016 to Luke and Sarah Risard-Gasiorowski in Tel Aviv, Israel. David and Fong Risard are proud grandparents.
- Please keep the Cox/Booth family in your prayers as they grieve the death of Ann's father, Wallace W. Booth on June 6.
- Please keep Mary Dawson in your prayers. She is in Sunridge Health Center at Vista del Monte following hospitalization at Cottage Hospital.
- Please keep in your prayers: Steve Bunting, John Dawson, Mary Dawson, Yu Wei Han, Leona Mayfield, Barbara Myall, Michael Parker, Bob Porter, Gail Porter, Karen Rowland, Elizabeth Wagner, Bob Ward, Michael Wilds.

## UPPER ROOM PRAYER GROUP

The ministry of the Upper Room Prayer Group meets most Thursdays at 4:00 pm. The purpose of the Upper Room Prayer Group is strategic prophetic intercession in three ways:

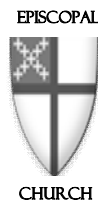
- Waiting in silence upon The Lord to speak through the Holy Spirit.
- Praying for protection from the evil one for Fr. Brian, the members, ministry and mission of Christ the King.
- Praying as intercessors for specific items given to them by Fr. Brian and the Vestry.

Contact John Parsons if you are interested.

### Reconciliation Collect for August

Almighty God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, Jesus Christ: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and compassionate rule; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the basis of all unity, now and forever. Amen.

### Christ the King Episcopal Church



Sick? In Pain? Troubled?  
Let us pray for you  
Healing Prayer Hotline:  
805-284-4042  
Toll Free 855-964-9111

