

The Blue Church Bugle

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FOUR NEW CURSILLISTAS

There was a big event at the Claggett Center on the weekend of April 24-27, Maryland Episcopal Cursillo #95. Four participants attended from ECCTK church:

Jane Clark, sponsored by Carol Gooden.
Linda Deponai, sponsored by Robyn Mayfield.
Dick Janes, sponsored by Dick Holmes.
Diane Wilson, sponsored by Jackie Burdnell and Cedric Wilson.

The Maryland #95 Team included from our church Karen Burdnell (Rector), Thea Israel (Cha) and Laura Lake (Table Leader).

For more details, see the Maryland Episcopal Cursillo website at <http://www.cursillo.ang-md.org/>.



Choir Director
Dick Janes

CTK CHOIR HAPPENINGS

Yacht Club Anniversary - On Saturday, May 31 the Maryland Yacht Club will celebrate its 100th anniversary with an extravaganza. Dick Janes, a former Commodore of the Yacht Club, has been invited to lead the CTK Choir in the singing of the National Anthem. Invited celebrities include two Senators.

Dick suggested that the choir members should be on the premises by noon on that Saturday.

Choir Sunday - The choir will wind up the season this year on Sunday, June 15 with another program of delightful music.



INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY

Originally scheduled for Saturday, May 10, the event has been postponed. Watch the Sunday Link for details about the new date.

PEACE AND JUSTICE CONFERENCE

By Nancy Murdock

On Saturday, April 26 Bob and I had the great fortune to participate in an all-day conference at Friends Meeting in Baltimore, chaired by Paulette Hammond. A lot of organizations came to lend us their understanding and energy about global justice and peace needs in our troubled world. There were four sessions: the plenary session and one workshop before the wonderful vegetarian lunch from One World Café, and the other two workshops after lunch.

Colman McCarthy was the keynote speaker. A former columnist for the Washington Post, he is a pacifist who teaches non-violence. He believes in teaching people how to avoid violence in the home, school, and workplace, and has authored a book, "Solution to Violence." He divides violence into two categories. Hot Violence includes 9/11 and what we see on the evening news. Cold Violence includes the 40,000 who die EACH DAY of hunger or preventable diseases. Colman's final advice was: "Don't look at the past. Don't look at the future. Just look around and work on what you see."

The first workshop Bob and I attended was with an Interfaith group. They had three speakers: a Muslim woman, a Jewish man, and a Christian woman, speaking in that order. We both found it very interesting as they each summarized their faith, described how it is meant to be applied, and shared the ways it affects their lives. The similarities are so noticeable that it is hard to understand how we could be at odds.

My second workshop was "Facts On the Ground: Reality in the Occupied Territories & Prospects for Peace." This discussion showed how far things have gone since the U.N. set up the country of Israel on Palestinian land, with 45% Israeli and 55% Palestinian. But maps from different years show the strange ways in which Palestinian life is slowly being squeezed out, while Israelis have built (with U.S. money) wonderful roads that Palestinians are not allowed to drive on, for example, in Palestinian areas. Sadly, there are numerous ways in which Palestinian life is slowly being destroyed.. And also, it's sad to realize that our military aid is supporting this work.

My final workshop was "Outlawed: Extraordinary Rendition, Torture, and Disappearances in the 'War on Terror.'" It was very painful to discover that our laws have changed, from the top down, so that torture in various forms is allowed now, even though we signed the United Nations agreement against these terrible behaviors. The group asked us to consider hanging a "Torture Is Wrong" banner outside our church.

Bob also attended a workshop hosted by David Hart, of the Network of Spiritual Progressives. They are a national interfaith group dedicated to the idea that safety and security can best be achieved through generosity and cooperation with others. Among other things, NSP is focusing on a "Global Marshall Plan," in which the U.S. and other advanced countries would dedicate 1 to 2% of their gross domestic product each year for 20 years to end domestic and global poverty, inadequate education and health care, and to repair the global environment.

EVENTS

224th Convention of the Diocese of Maryland - May 2 and 3.

International Day - Postponed from May 10. Watch the Sunday Link.

Mother's Day - May 11.

Whitsunday (Pentecost) - May 11. Don't forget to wear red!

UTO offerings collected - Sundays, May 18 and 25.

UTO Ingathering - Wed. May 28, St. Stephen's, Severn Parish.

MD. Yacht Club 100th Anniversary - Sat. May 31. Choir sings.

Father's Day - Sunday, June 15

Choir Sunday - June 15.

Consecration of Bishop-Elect Eugene Sutton - June 28, Washington National Cathedral.

Visit the Diocesan website at <http://www.ang-md.org/> for updates.

For further details, follow the Sunday Link.

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