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North America House of Bishops Meeting

ORLANDO, FL - The Charismatic Episcopal Church of North American House of Bishops met from March 6-8 at the Cathedral of Saint Dismiss in Orlando, Florida. The CEC Military Chaplains joined the House of Bishops meeting on March 8th and held their clergy conference on March 9th. The meetings began each day with the celebration of the Eucharist. Fr. James House delivered the homily each day, encouraging those present in their ministry within the CEC.

The Bishops in attendance were : Archbishop Craig Bates, Archbishop Charles Jones, Bp Eugene Lily, Bp. Michael Davidson, Bp. Doug Kessler, Bp. David Epps, Bp.

David Simpson & Bp. Gregory Ortiz. Fr. James House and Fr. Chris Keough also attended the meetings.

The House of Bishops discussed and passed the following statement with respect to Israel and the Jewish people :
We, the Bishops of the CEC-NA call upon the people of God to pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6)

We affirm God's special love for Israel and the Jewish people as his chosen people.

We denounce the evil of anti-semitism.

We affirm the right of Israel to exist as a sovereign people and nation.

We affirm that the Federal Government of the USA should stand firmly for Israel and

against all attempts to destroy them as a sovereign nation. We affirm that Jesus Christ is the Messiah as prophesied in the Old Testament, and proclaim with the apostle Paul that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the power of God for salvation to the Jew first and then to the Gentile (Romans 1:16)

Archbishop Bates discussed the ministry of CEC for life and again reiterated that the CEC is a pro-life denomination, not simply a denomination with a pro-life ministry.

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Bishop Epps to Serve Military Chaplains

Bishop David Epps, Sharpsburg, has been appointed by Archbishop Craig Bates of New York to provide Episcopal and pastoral oversight to the military chaplains of the United States Armed

Forces.

Bishop Epps was led to a "personal awareness of my covenant relationship with God" by a United States Navy chaplain assigned to serve the Marines with whom Epps was serving. "I

seriously thought I was going to be a Navy chaplain when I finished my enlistment and entered college but, apparently, God had other plans." Epps went on to serve four years in the ministry of the United

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Special points of interest:

- What is modern day slavery?
- New Bishop for Military Chaplains
- Daily Office

What's Happenin !

Bible Study & Future Events Highlights

Parish Council Meeting
May 1st at 7pm

Sunday Morning Bible Study – 9:15am in the Student Council Building, room 145.

4th Day Ultreya – April 8th, Tuesday, 6:00 pm at the home of Greg and Diane Looker. They are located in The Woods community at 13036 Palmetto Glade Dr., 221-7550. Please RSVP

Wednesday Night Supper &

Prayer – Will not meet April 2nd, every Wednesday, 6pm at the Law offices of Lansing Roy, 1710 Shadowood Lane Suite 210, office #391-0030.

Youth Fellowship – Meets every Wednesday night at 6:30pm. Check out: www.mycmjax.com for a complete schedule of events.

COM Men's Spring

Retreat – Will be held April 20-22 at Epworth By The Sea and is featuring Bp. David

Epps from the Mid-South diocese as guest speaker. Cost for 2 nights in motel and 5 meals will be \$260.00 for a single room and \$172.00 for a double room.

Women's Ministry- Movie night Friday, April 13th

For up to date information please see the weekly Sunday Announcements in your Sunday Bulletin.

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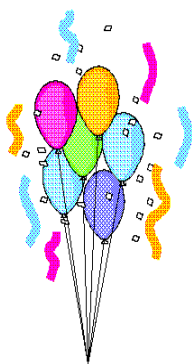
Fr Terry Gensemer, director of CEC for Life, was unable to attend the HOB due to an injury; prayers were offered for his recovery. A report of

offerings to CEC for Life was given including the total offering collected, the number of churches participating in the offering and the clergy and churches who became members for 2012. Abp Bates asked all the Bishops to help all the people of the CEC to see the connection between life, the Gospel and the Eucharist.

Archbishop Bates asked that the Bishops emphasize the

the need to send articles in for CEChome.com so that the entire denomination can share in the good things happening throughout the church.

Bishop David Epps was appointed as pastoral leader of the Military Chaplains. Bishop Epps' leadership and experience in chaplaincy will bring a new and critically important energy to the CEC Military chaplains.



Birthdays

April

4/12 Amanda Shiell
4/17 Lansing Roy
4/20 James Luck
4/22 John Cunningham
4/26 Dn. Tom Abbott
4/27 Jennifer Abbott
4/28 Craig Stafford
4/29 Meredith Harlow

May

5/8 Steve Quinn
5/9 Christian McGrew
5/16 Michelle Brabson
5/21 Kimble Medlin
5/23 Jill Stafford
5/28 Ralph Bitancor

June

6/1 Fr. Scott Melanson
6/6 Alexandra Dent
6/6 Don Smitha
6/17 Suzy Kirkpatrick
6/18 Jesse Dent
6/23 Ben Wooded
6/24 Orin Abbott
6/27 John Kirkpatrick

Bishop Epps continued

Methodist Church prior to entering the Assemblies of God where he served for nineteen years. In 1996, he began ministry as a priest in the Charismatic Episcopal Church and founded what is now the Cathedral of Christ the King in Sharpsburg, GA.

He served for ten years as the Canon to the Ordinary for Bishop John Holloway and was the chair for the Commission on Ordained

Ministry in the Diocese of the Mid-South. He also served Archbishop Douglas Woodall as his Canon to the Ordinary for State Guard Affairs. In 2007, Epps was consecrated a bishop and served as an auxiliary bishop to Archbishop Charles Jones with assignment to the Diocese of the Mid-South. In 2008, he was installed as the Bishop Ordinary of that diocese.

In addition to his enlistment

in the U. S. Marine Corps, Epps served a brief enlistment in the Tennessee Army National Guard. Later, he was commissioned as a chaplain (captain) with the Georgia Defense Force, an auxiliary of the Georgia Army National Guard.

In 1989, Epps was recruited to serve as a law enforcement chaplain for the Peachtree City (GA) Police Department and was eventually appointed as Chief of Chaplains. He continues to serve the PCPD and has also served as a chaplain to the

Fayette County Sheriff's Department, the Senoia Police Department, and the Atlanta Division of the FBI, having completed the FBI Chaplain's Course at Quantico, VA. He also has served as chaplain to a local detachment of the Marine Corps League.

Epps is a member of the International Conference of Police Chaplains, the Georgia Association of Law Enforcement Chaplains, the Military Chaplains Association, and holds a certification in police chaplaincy from the

Prayer Needed

WHAT IS MODERN DAY SLAVERY

Slavery, the barbaric practice of holding people against their will and forcing them to work for little or no money, is an ancient epidemic that is still a problem today. Many people are shocked to learn that, despite a rise in awareness, slavery is worse today than at any other point in history, and it is still on

the rise. Even more shocking is that modern slavery is not just practiced in developing or war-torn countries; slaves are found in major cities and towns in the developed world as well, including America.

While there are many reasons people are enslaved today, most commonly the reasons are economic. Globalization has flung wide the doors of economic

opportunity, but at a great cost to the millions of impoverished people around the globe in developing countries. While the slavery has been officially banned by many countries, modern slavery continues unofficially beneath other monikers such as child soldiers, debt bondage, and forced marriage. To make matters worse, many expressions of
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THIS BLOOD'S FOR YOU

Please include in your prayers

Epps will continue to serve as the rector of the Cathedral of Christ the King and as the Bishop of the Diocese of the Mid-South. "When I was appointed to serve the military chaplains, it was as though I had come full circle. I would not be where I am had it not been for the care and ministry of a Navy chaplain. Now, to be appointed to serve those who serve our men and women in uniform is a tremendous honor and a very great privilege. It is also very humbling to serve and assist those that I have always considered to be among my heroes."

Bishop Epps continued

Academy of Parish Clergy. He is also certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council as a chaplain, peace officer, law enforcement instructor, field training officer, and defensive tactics instructor.

He is a graduate of East

Tennessee State University, Berean College of the Assemblies of God, the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary, and Trinity Episcopal School of Ministry. He is also a graduate of the Fulton County Public Safety Training Center (police academy).

Bishop Epps will serve in the Department of the Armed Forces for the International Communion of the Charismatic Episcopal Church and will be accountable to the Patriarch's Office. He is married to Dr. Cynthia Epps who serves as the Associate Dean of the School of Nursing at the University of West Georgia. They have three sons and eleven grandchildren.

Prayer Needed continued

modern slavery use legal processes as a ruse for bondage, such as adoption and legal prostitution. Modern slave traders find ways to exploit a vulnerable people group.

It is important to understand that modern day slavery stems from a variety of other injustices that, taken together, leave multitudes vulnerable to slavery. Poverty, war, and natural disasters all contribute to conditions that leave literally millions of people susceptible to being enslaved. It takes very little for someone in these situations to find themselves suddenly abducted and bound to a life of slavery, even though they are aware of the dangers. Once enslaved, there is little hope of escape, even in America. Captors are usually extremely powerful, thoroughly intimidating, and capable of brainwashing their captives into a state of “willed” submission, often by frequent beatings and rapes. Crime networks easily cross international borders and bribe local police forces to form an inescapable and nearly invisible operation. While it is difficult to accurately pinpoint the number of people enslaved today, experts believe that the number is greater than any other time in human history, and likely exceeds 30 million people.

WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Human trafficking is the industry that generates commerce by transporting actual people. While this practice does have legal expressions, mostly it is a term used by advocacy groups to describe the nefarious practice of abduction and bondage that goes hand in hand with Modern-day

Slavery. There are tens of billions of dollars generated each year by the illegal transport and sale of human beings, making it is the fastest growing criminal industry in the world. And since this industry thrives by exploiting impoverished people, and is exacerbated by the growing appetite worldwide for human slaves under a variety of names, this problem is fundamentally understood as an economic problem.

While the point of origin of slaves is as diverse as the cities of the world, the grisly practice of abduction is generally uniform. Trafficking victims are usually persons displaced (like refugees), runaways, or the most impoverished people in a region. In some places, the captors are large crime rings, but, more typically, trafficking is conducted by small, specialized venders. Prisoners are lured into slavery with false promises of a better life—be it fame as an actor, or economic opportunities abroad—only to be trafficked to another city or even another country. Captors immediately confiscate passports and any identification of their victims which renders them powerless to escape the country of their final destination. In addition, being trafficked to a foreign country creates a language barrier that helps to discourage escape.

What is important to grasp is that while some countries are better known as destinations, and others are merely transit countries, nearly every country in the earth participates in Human Trafficking as an abduction point as well as a destination, including the United States and other

similarly developed countries. Immigrant labor, adoption, and even legalized prostitution many times create a ruse of legal activity that can hide illegal trafficking. While most countries have developed anti-trafficking laws, poor law enforcement and corrupt police forces offer few obstacles to traffickers. Once abducted, victims find themselves forced into a lifestyle of prostitution, child soldiers, forced labor, or some other form of slavery that is impossible to escape.

From Exodus Cry – A prayer movement to end slavery, exoduscry.com

Vision:

To end human trafficking and modern-day slavery.

Mission:

Exodus Cry is an international anti-trafficking organization committed to abolishing modern day slavery through prayer, awareness, and reform, while assisting the victims of human trafficking and slavery through rescue, rehabilitation, and reintegration into society.

Our Story:

On February 5, 2007, in response to God’s burden for the victims of modern-day slavery, Benjamin Nolot led several hundred intercessors in prayer for breakthrough on their behalf. The very next day, one of the largest human trafficking busts in history occurred involving 2,400 arrests in 77 countries. That prayer meeting has evolved into a movement of intercessors and abolitionists that is today called Exodus Cry.



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OUR MISSION & PRIORITIES

The mission of our church is to bring the rich sacramental and liturgical heritage of the early church, the power of Pentecost, and the infallible truth of Scripture together in one expression of Christ's church for this generation, providing a home for all Christians who seek a vital, powerful energetic, and yet stable church in which to grow in love with one another and in our knowledge and love of God.

April Daily Office

Date	AM Psalm	PM Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
1-Palm Sunday	24,29	103	Zech 9:9-12** Zech 12:9-11;13:1,7-9***	1Tim 6:12-16**	Luke 19:41-48***
2-Monday	51:1-18	69:1-23	Lam 1:1-2,6-12	2Cor 1:1-7	Mark 11:12-25
3-Tuesday	6,12	94	Lam 1:17-22	2Cor 1:8-22	Mark 11:27-33
4-Wednesday	55	74	Lam 2:1-9,14-17	2Cor 1:23-2:11	Mark 12:1-11
5-Maundy Thurs.	102	142,143	Lam 2:10-18	1Cor 10:14-17, 11:27-32	Mark 14:12-25
6-Good Friday	22	40:1-14,54	Lam 3:1-9,19-33	1Peter 1:10-20	John 13:36-38** John 19:38-42***
7-Holy Saturday	88	27	Lam 3:37-58	Hebrews 4:1-16** Romans 8:1-11***	*None*
8-Easter Sunday	148,149,150	113,114	Exodus 12:28-39** Isaiah 51:9-11***		John 1:1-18** John 20:19-23***
9-Monday	93,98	66	Exodus 12:14-27	1Corinthians 15:1-11	Mark 16:1-8
10-Tuesday	103	111,114	Exodus 12:28-39	1Corinthians 15:12-28	Mark 16:9-20
11-Wednesday	97,99	115	Exodus 12:40-51	1Corinthians 15:30-41	Matt 28:1-16
12-Thursday	146,147	148,149	Exodus 13:3-10	1Corinthians 15:41-50	Matt 28:16-20
13-Friday	136	118	Exodus 13:1-2,11-16	1Corinthians 15:51-58	Luke 24:1-12
14-Saturday	145	104	Exodus 13:17-14:4	2Corinthians 4:16-5:10	Mark 12:18-27
15-Sunday	146,147	111,112,113	Exodus 14:5-22	1John 1:1-7	John 14:1-7
16-Monday	1,2,3	4,7	Exodus 14:21-31	1Peter 1:1-12	John 14:(1-7)8-17
17-Tuesday	5,6	10,11	Exodus 15:1-21	1Peter 1:13-25	John 14:18-31
18-Wednesday	119:1-24	12,13,14	Exodus 15:22-16:10	1Peter 2:1-10	John 15:1-11
19-St. Joseph	132	34	Isaiah 63:7-16** 2 Chronicles 6:12-17***	Ephesians 3:14-21***	Matt 1:18-25**
20-Friday	16,17	134,135	Exodus 16:23-36	1Peter 3:13-4:6	John 16:1-15
21-Saturday	20,21:1-7	110:1-5,116,117	Exodus 17:1-16	1Peter 4:7-19	John 16:16-33
22-Sunday	148,149,150	114,115	Exodus 18:1-12	1John 2:7-17	Mark 16:9-20
23-Monday	25	9,15	Exodus 18:13-27	1Peter 5:1-14	Matthew 3:1-6
24-Tuesday	26,28	36,39	Exodus 19:1-16	Colossians 1:1-14	Matthew 3:7-12
Eve of Annunciation		8,138	Gen 3:1-15	Romans 5:12-21	
25-Annunciation	85,87	110:1-5,132	Isaiah 52:7-12** Wisdom 9:1-12***	Hebrews 2:5-10**	John 1:9-14***
26-Thursday	37:1-18	37:19-42	Exodus 20:1-21	Colossians 1:24-2:7	Matthew 4:1-11
27-Friday	105:1-22	105:23-45	Exodus 24:1-18	Colossians 2:8-23	Matthew 4:12-17
28-Saturday	30,32	42,43	Exodus 25:1-22	Colossians 3:1-17	Matthew 4:18-25
29-Sunday	63:1-8,98	103	Exodus 28:1-4,30-38	1John 2:18-29	Mark 6:30-44
30-Monday	41,52	44	Exodus 32:1-20	Col 3:18-4:6	Matthew 5:1-10
				** use in the morning	*** use in evening